2024 Calendar

Market Events, Wisdoms and Data

BlueSky6 Investing Event

Rain King LLC Production November 4, 2023

General Disclaimer

The contents of this market diary are for entertainment and general purposes only and are not intended to be relied upon in any way regarding quotes, market data or a specific security. In all investing, there is <u>risk of substantial losses</u>. Please consult a certified financial advisor before making any investment decisions.

Credits

The preparation of this 2024 Market Diary, its contents, data and interpretations were collected from a variety of sources. Base charts are from ©TradingView, a registered trademark. Quotes were sourced from books, internet sites and other readily available public information. Any research data tabulations, summary analysis and/or charts annotations are the work of the author as an amateur investor. The collection and assembly of the work shall remain the property of Rain King LLC respecting any copyright of others herein. No express or implied rights to any such information in any form are granted.

Reproduction and/or dissemination of this Market Diary for profit or other dissemination in any public forum, social media, etc. without written permission is strictly prohibited and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

© 2024 Rain King LLC. All Rights Reserved. John S. Pocorobba, CEO, Rain King LLC

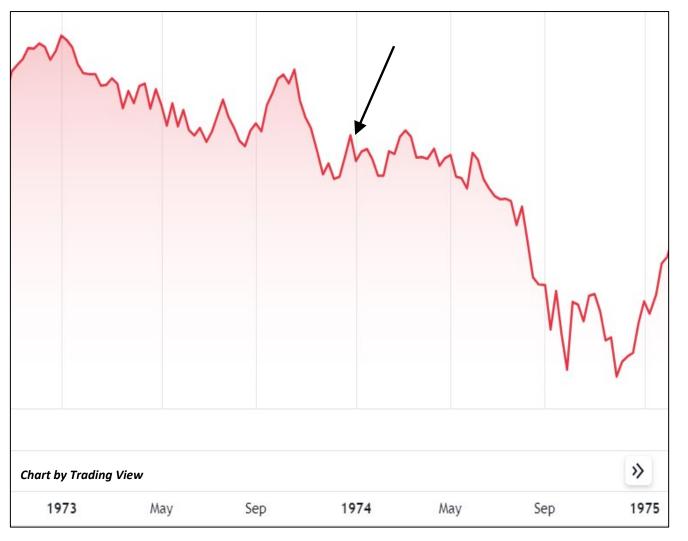
January 2024

© 2024 Copyright, Rain King LLC. All Rights Reserved



New Year's Day

This date 1974, Arab gulf nations double the price of oil exports. Prices had quadrupled since October 6, 1973 when the embargo was announced. Dow Jones Industrials - Weekly





In 2000, Yahoo hits its All Time High of \$500.13 (\$125 after splits)



"The market is all about psychology. Chart patterns are essentially maps of psychology, and these chart patterns will remain useful as long as human psychology remains as it is"

William J. O'Neil, Founder Investors Business Daily, 1933 - 2023



"As I look back now, it's obvious studying history and philosophy was better preparation for the stock market than studying statistics....those who are trained to rigidly quantify everything are at a huge disadvantage."

Peter Lynch, Fidelity Magellan Fund Manager 1977 - 1990

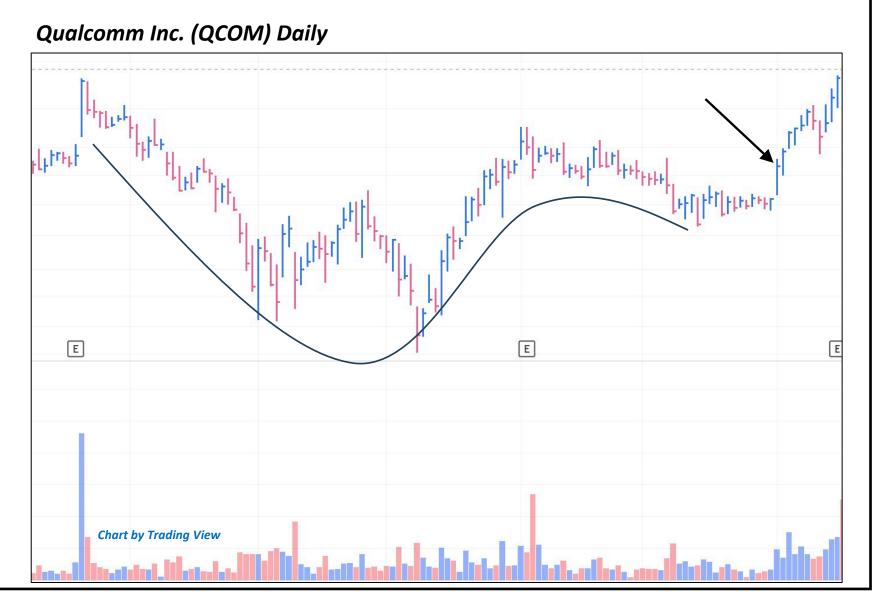


"Set a Stop-Loss, even if only a mental one, such that you sell out any stock that has dropped 20% below its highest price."

Nicholas Darvas, Author, You Can Still Make It In The Market (1977)



Jan 8, 1999 Qualcomm launched out of a 23 week Cup with Handle base and ran +2556% over the next 57 weeks





In 2007, Steve Jobs unveils the iPhone to a live audience.

"Thanks for coming. We're going to make some history together today."

Steve Jobs, 1955 – 2011, Co-Founder Apple Computer



"Success is stumbling from failure to failure without a loss of enthusiasm."

Winston Churchill, 1874 – 1965, British Statesman

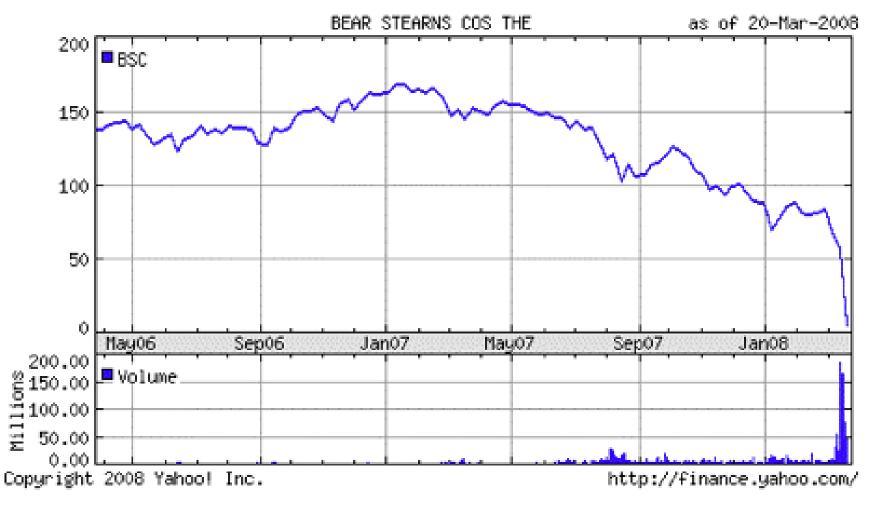


"Letting your emotions override your plan or system is the biggest cause of failure."

J. Wells Wilder Jr. 1935 - 2021, Creator, Relative Strength Index (RSI)



On this date in 2007, Bear Stearns stock hits an All-Time High at \$171.51. Just 14 months later on March 16, 2008, Bear Stearns would be purchased by JPMorgan for \$2/share.





MLK Jr. Day

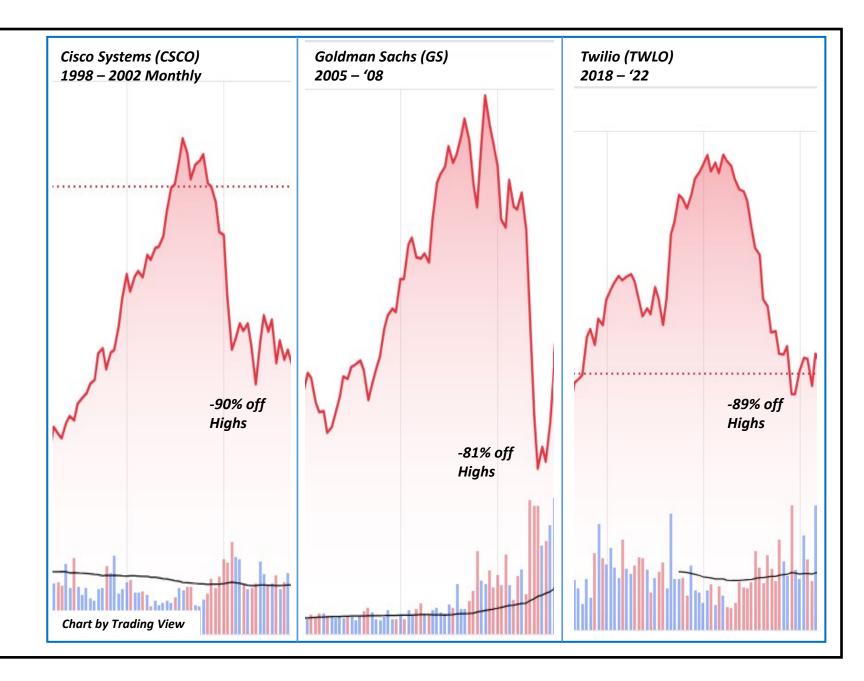
"Successful tape reading is a study of Force; it requires the ability to judge which side has the greatest pulling power and one must have the courage to go with that side."

Richard D. Wychoff, 1873 – 1934, Founder *Wall Street Magazine*



IBD Studies show when a big leader tops, the average decline is -72%

Only 1 in 7 former big leaders will come back to lead in the next cycle.





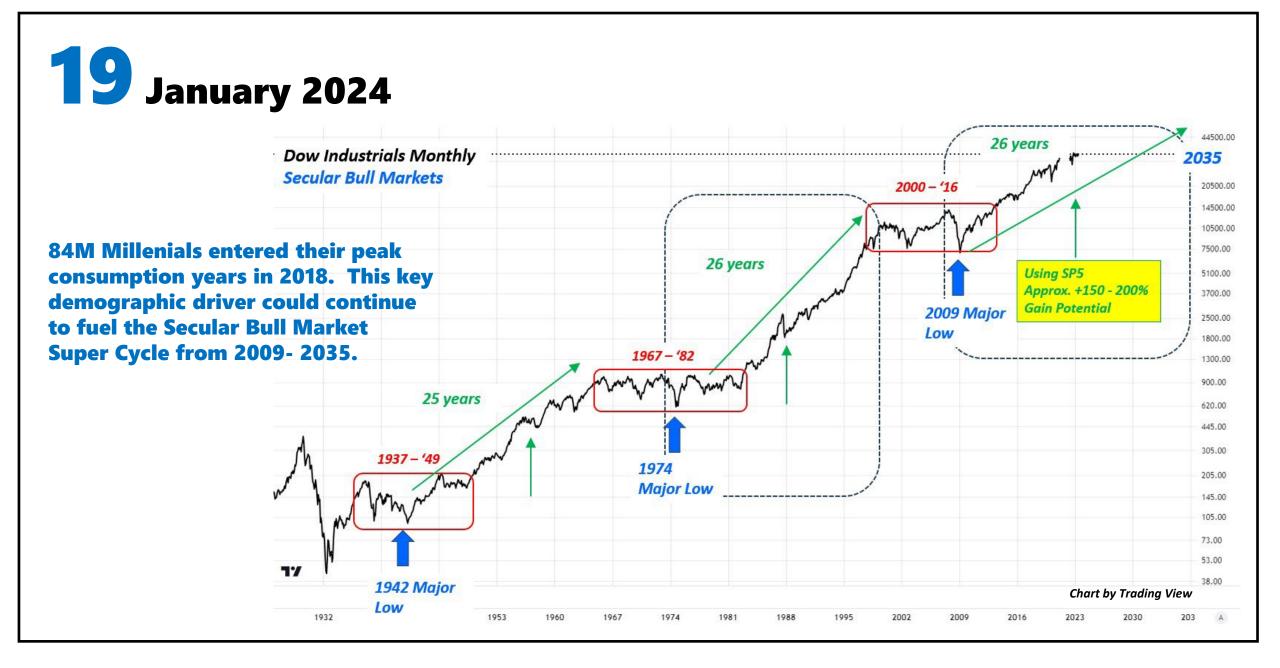
In 1956, Henry Ford's Ford Motor Company IPO is priced at \$64.50 and closes at \$70.50.

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."

Henry Ford, 1863 – 1947, American Industrialist



1980, the Silver market reaches All Time High at \$49.45 peak as Hunt Brothers corner the market owning 1/3 of the supply. The Comex Exchange put limits on silver trading leading to a sharp decline to \$34. The Hunt corner ultimately failed on "Silver Thursday" on March 28, 1980 when the price collapsed to \$10.85.





IBD Research shows **37%** of stock's price movement is directly tied to the performance of the industry group the stock is in.

Another **12%** is due to strength in its overall Sector. Therefore, half a stock's move is due to the strength of its respective group.

William J. O'Neil, Author, *The Successful Investor (2004)*

23 January 2024

This date in 1999, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan issued an historic warning to Congress that the Stock Market appeared "overvalued".

The Nasdaq was at 2338.88. It would top out 15 months later in March 2000 at 5132.52.



In 1984, Apple unveils first Apple Macintosh Personal Computer. It would retail for \$2,495 (\$6,000 in todays' dollars)

In 1996, Sun Microsystems submits a bid to buy Apple for \$2.76B or \$23/share (\$3.28 split adjusted). The deal fell apart at the midnight hour.



"Exit is the most important aspect of trading – very few study it."

Bernard Baruch, 1870 – 1965, American Financier/Statesman

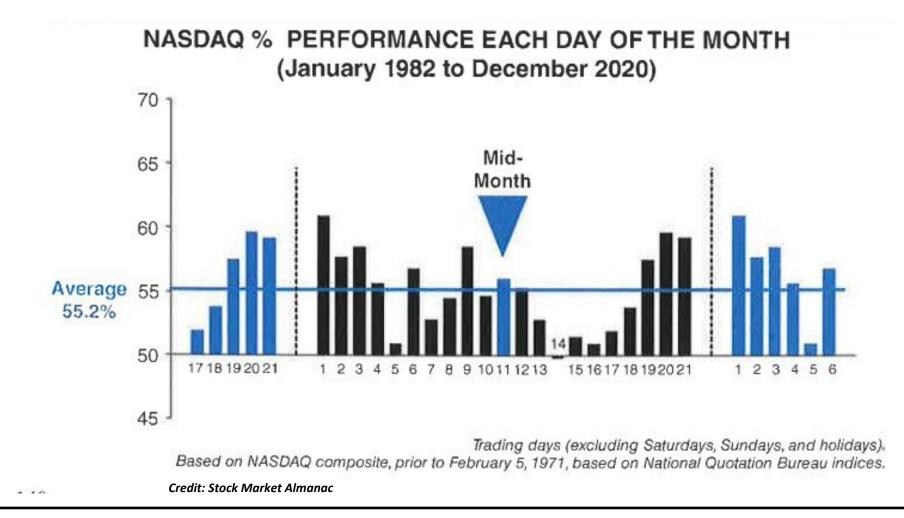
26 January 2024

In 2002, Telecommunications giant Global Crossing files for bankruptcy. Founded in 1997, it connected 200 countries with fiber optic networks. Shading accounting practices, off balance sheet transactions and excessive debt levels artificially inflated the stock price and when the dot.com bubble burst in 2000, it could not keep up with debt payments.



This date 2001, all NYSE stocks would be quoted in decimals, ending fractional quotations which were used for two centuries.





31 January 2024

This date 2003, only two years after the \$160B merger of Time Warner and America Online, Time Warner posts the largest full year loss in corporate history of \$98.7 Billion. AOL ad business went bust as they could not adapt fast enough to broadband delivery.

Time Warner spun off AOL in 2009.

February 2024

February 2024

Five Fundamental Truths of Trading

- Anything can happen
- You don't need to know what is going to happen next in order to make money
- There is a random distribution between wins and losses for any given set of variables that define an edge
- An edge is nothing more than an indication of a higher probability of one thing happening over another
- Every moment in the market is unique

Mark Douglas, Author, Trading in the Zone (2000)



Ground Hog Day

This date in 1917, US Stocks fall 7% on fears the US will be forced into World War I. US formally entered on April, 2, 1917. The NYSE shutdown at the start of World War I from July 30, 1914 – December 12, 1914 for its longest closure.



5 February 2024

A technical trader and a fundamental trader were out to dinner and a sharp knife fell off the table. The technical trader moved his foot, the fundamental trader was stabbed and bled profusely. When the technical guy asked the fundamental guy why he did not move his foot.....the fundamental guy replied "I thought it was going back up."

Frank Gretz, Wellington Shields

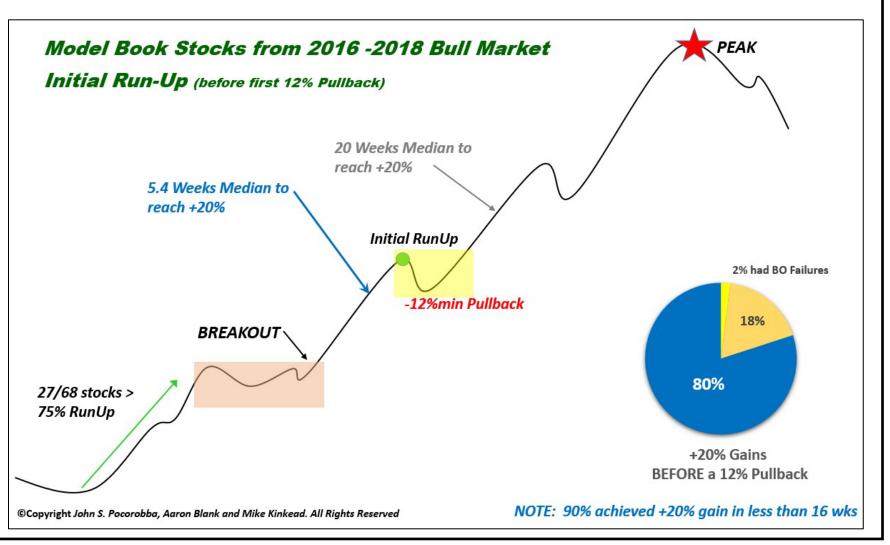


"Don't confuse brains with a bull market"

Humphrey B. Neill, 1895 - 1977, Neill Letters of Contrary Opinion

7 February 2024

Research Data from the 2016-2018 Bull Market shows the biggest winners rallied +20% in the first 5.4 weeks post breakout.





1971: National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System (NASDAQ) was launched. Started as a quotation system and went on to become the first to allow 'online trading'. It was originally 50 stocks but today it is the home for 2800 stocks.

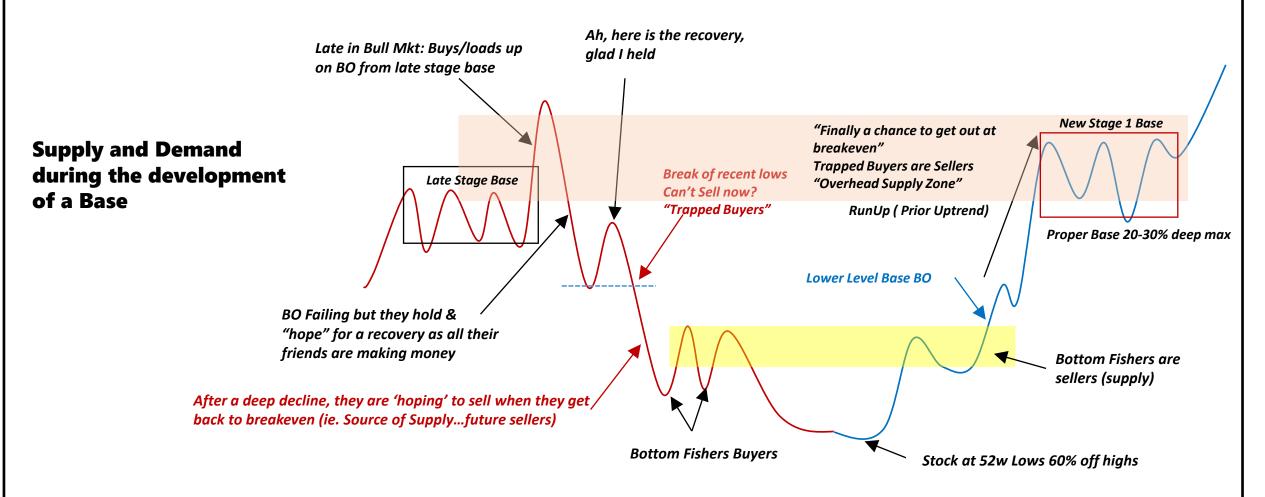


"It's not whether you get knocked down, its whether you get up"

Vince Lombardi, 1913 – 1970, Legendary Football Coach

12 February 2024

The Psychology within a Base





"The first rule is not to lose. The second rule is not to forget the first rule."

Warren Buffett, b 1930



Valentine's Day

"Because the market anticipates, the more you know, the later it is. The later it is, the greater the risk. There is no safety to buying on positive information (or shorting on bad news). Thus all information has a negative bias against the price trend."

Justin Mamis, 1929 – 2019, Author, The Nature of Risk (1999)

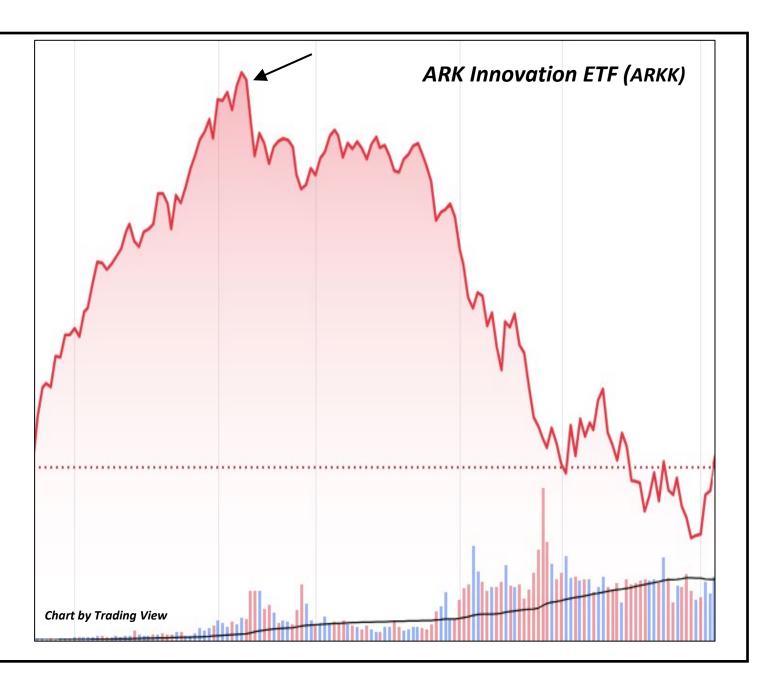


"The obvious rarely happens; the unexpected constantly occurs"

Jesse Livermore, 1877 – 1940, Wall Street Speculator



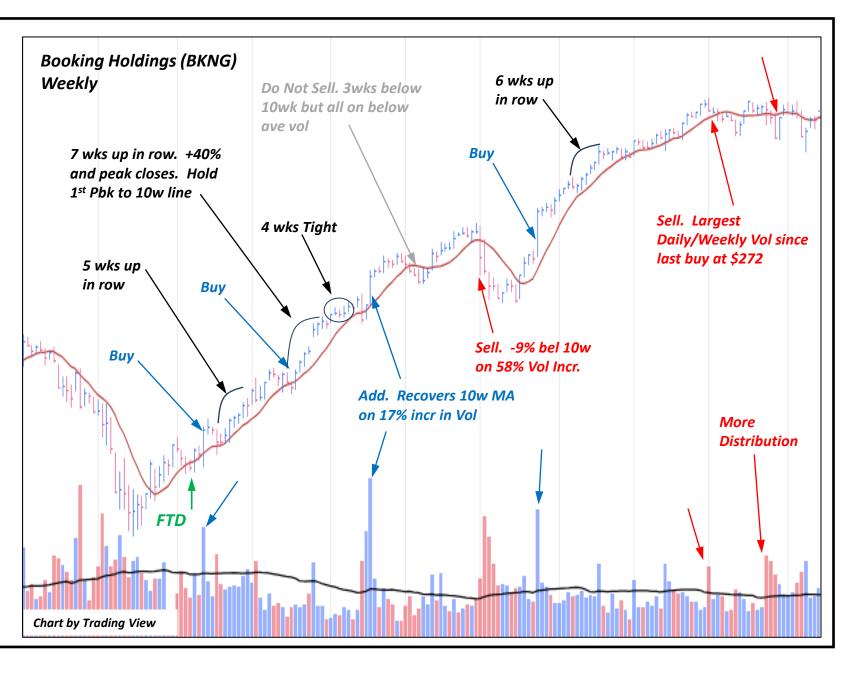
On this date in 2021 the ARK Innovation Fund (ARKK), a proxy for growth stocks, peaks and then roundtrips all its prior gains from the Covid Bull Market.





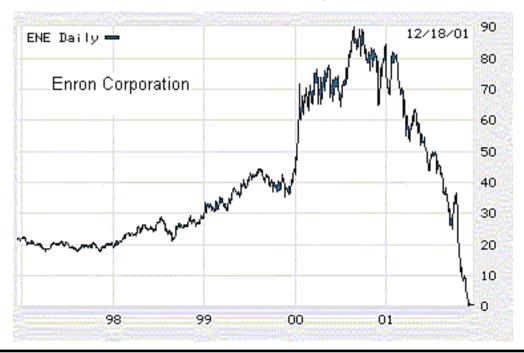
Presidents Day

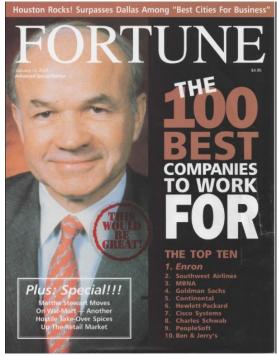
Booking Holdings (formerly Priceline) breaks out on this date in 2009 from a Cup with Handle base emerging from the Great Financial Crisis Bear Market.



20 February 2024

2006, Former Enron CEO Jeffery Skillings is charged with fraud and insider trading in connection with the energy traders' collapse. He was originally sentenced to 24 years in prison but made deals to have the sentence reduced and was released in February 2019.

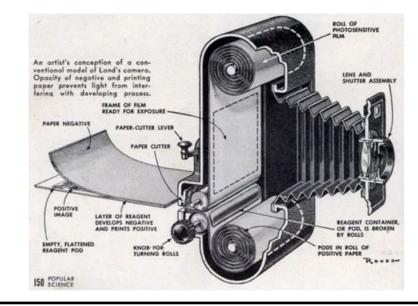


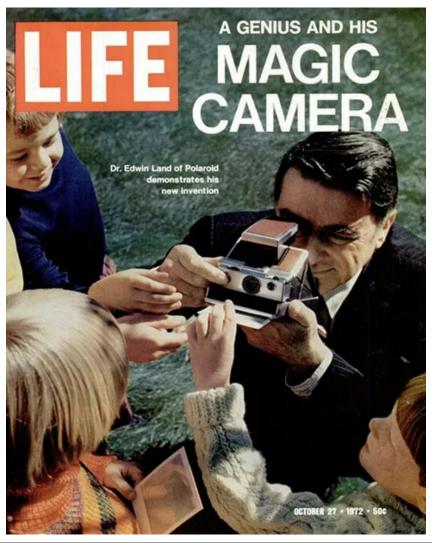


Enron Founder Kenneth Lay

21 February 2024

This date in 1947, Polaroid demonstrates its first instant camera. Polaroid was a premier technology stock of its day. Company founder Dr. Edwin Land was a prolific inventor who was viewed as the next Thomas Edison and was a huge inspiration to Apple's founder Steve Jobs.







"Eighty percent of success is showing up"

Woody Allen, Director, b. 1935



"A bull market is like sex. It feels best just before it ends."

Barton Biggs, Hedge Fund Manager, b 1932 - 2012

26 February 2024

"To operate effectively in the trading environment, we need rules and boundaries to guide our behavior. I have not yet encountered a person interested in trading who didn't resist the notion of creating a set of rules."

Mark Douglas, *Trading in the Zone (2000)*

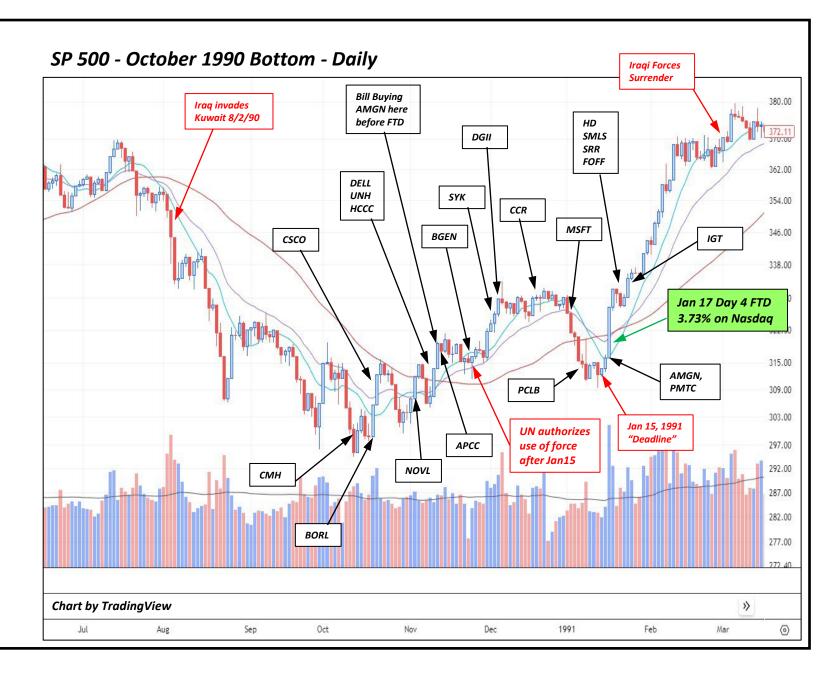


"On Financial News TV, if the stock is near its high, 90% of the guests like it, if it is near its lows, 90% of the guests hate it."

Michael L. Burke, Investors Intelligence, 2002



1991: Iraq accepts cease fire to end the Gulf War. The SP500 initially declined July – October. Stocks recovered all their declines, new leaders emerged and launched a bull move.



29 February 2024

"Good Trading requires courage but not recklessness. You need to take positions big enough that they make you feel legitimately at risk if things go wrong. You need to be able to drive the car fast enough to win the Grand Prix....but not so fast you slam into the wall."

Brent Donnelly, Author, *Alpha Trader* (2021)

March 2024

© 2024 Copyright, Rain King LLC. All Rights Reserved



On this date in 2000, the Nasdaq Composite was +108% in the past 12 months as technology stocks led the rise. It was the best 12 month period in the history of the index while SP500, Dow were up +11.5%, +8.7% respectively.

Nasdaq would experience a blow off top nine days later.



This date in 2000, Palm IPO priced at \$38. The intraday peak was \$165 and closed at \$95.06. 3Com, the parent of the spinoff, retained 532 million shares of Palm at 1.5 Palm shares for each 3Com share.

But 3Com shares closed the day at \$81.81 resulting in the non Palm shares being valued at a negative -60.8B for a total 3Com capitalization of -23B creating one of the most strange pricing situations in history.

Palm was eventually sold to HP for 1.2B (\$5.70/sh) in 2010

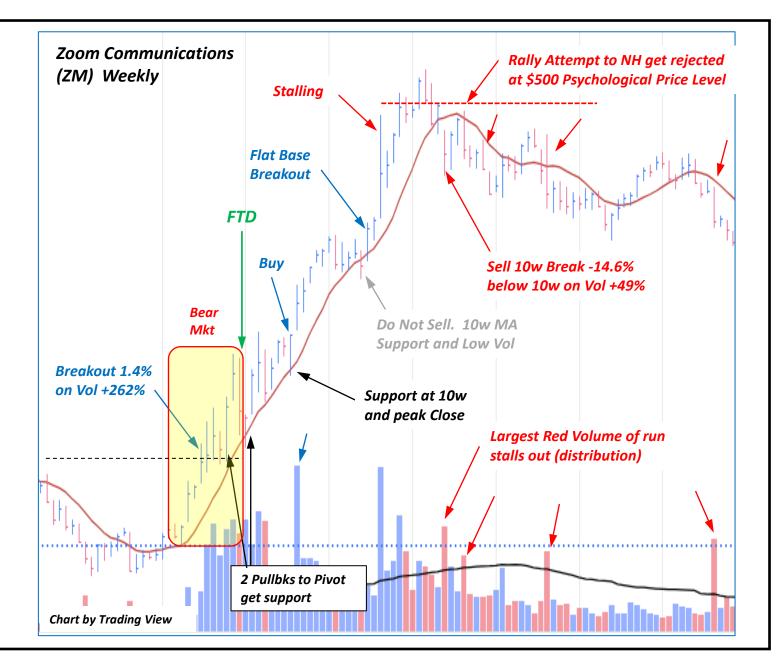


In 1957, the SP500 index was introduced. The original index included 425 industrial companies, 25 railroads and 50 utilities.

As of 2020, only 53 of the original names remain in the index including GE, KO, MRK, PFE, IBM, AA and HSY to name a few.

6 March 2024

Zoom Communications (ZM), led by its cloud based video conference applications, was a winner coming out the COVID-19 Bear Market





"All you have to do is buy cheap and dear, act with thrift and shrewdness, and be patient."

Hetty Green, Businesswoman, Investor, 1834 - 1916



"By three methods we learn wisdom: first by reflection, which is noblest; second by imitation, which is easiest; and third, by experience, which is the bitterest."

Confucius, Philosopher 551 BC – 479 BC



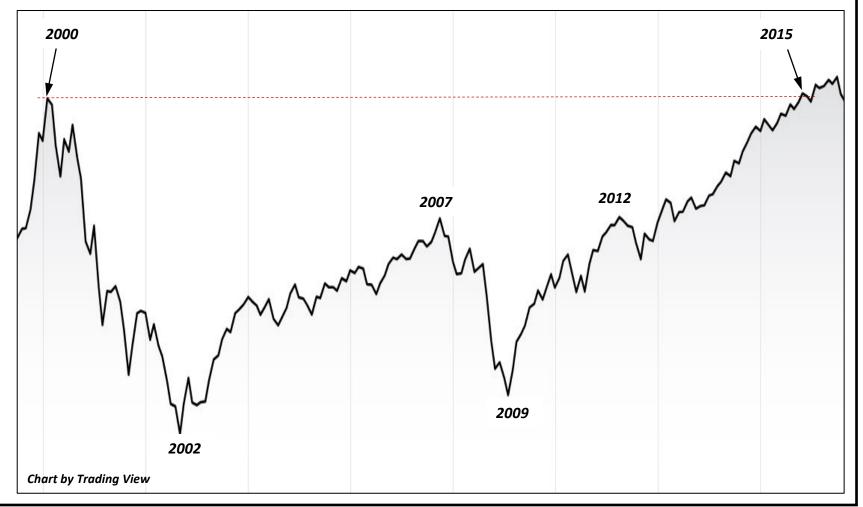
"A good trader has to have three things: a chronic inability to accept things at face value, to feel continuously unsettled and to have humility."

Michael Steinhardt, Hedge Fund Manager, b. 1940

12 March 2024

March 10, 2000 the Nasdaq peaks at 5132.52. It would not see that level again until June 18, 2015.

Nasdaq Composite Monthly





"Be more humble as the market goes your way."

Bernard Baruch, 1870 – 1965, Wall St. Speculator



"It is one of the great paradoxes of the stock market that what seems too high usually goes higher and what seems too low usually goes lower."

William J. O'Neil, Author, 24 Essential Lessons for Investment Success (2000)



"It's easy to have faith in yourself and have discipline when you are a winner, when you're number one. What you got to have is faith and discipline when you're not a winner."

Vince Lombardi, 1960's Green Bay Packers Coach



"In this game, the market has to keep pitching, but you don't have to swing. You can stand there with the bat on your shoulder for six months until you get a fat pitch."

Warren Buffett, CEO, Berkshire Hathaway, b. 1930



"Speech may be silver but silence is golden. Traders with the golden touch do not talk about their success."

Linda Bradford Raschke, Commodities/Futures Trader, b. 1959

20 March 2024

The 2022 Bear Market experienced a 38% decline in Nasdaq while the ARKK Technology Fund Topped in Feb 2021 and declined over 81%





"Ideas are easy; its execution that's hard"

Jeff Bezos, Founder Amazon, b. 1964



"Flat is good. A trader with no position has no bias."

Brent Donnelly, Author, *Alpha Trader (2021)*



"He who learns but does not think is lost! He who thinks but does not learn is in great danger."

Confucius, Philosopher 551 BC – 479 BC

26 March 2024

"I always say you could publish trading rules in the newspaper and no one would follow them. Key is consistency and discipline."

Richard Dennis, Commodities Speculator, b. 1949

27 March 2024

"Big money is made in the stock market by being on the right side of major moves. I don't believe in swinging against the tide."

Martin Zweig, 1943 – 2013, Author, *Winning on Wall Street (1997)*



"Trying to trade during a losing streak is emotionally devastating. Trying to play catch up is lethal."

Ed Sekota, Commodities Trader, b. 1946

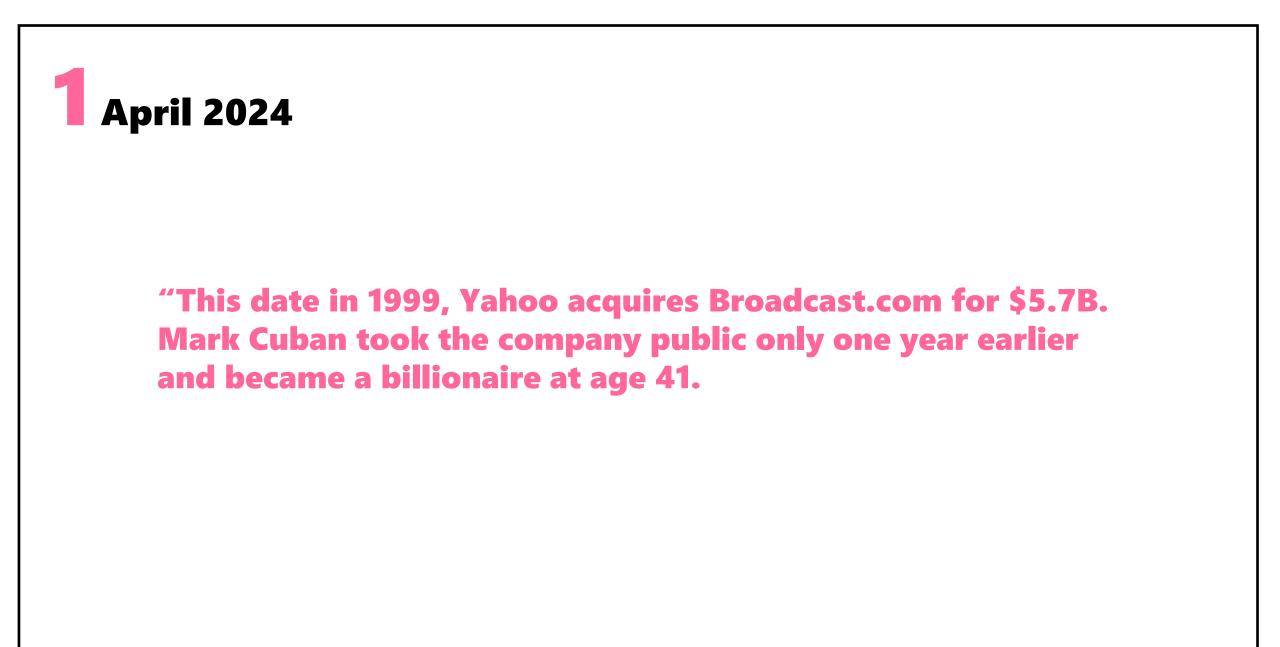


"My philosophy is all stocks are bad. There are no good stocks unless they go up in price. If they go down instead, you have to cut your losses fast. Letting losses run is the most serious mistake made by most investors."

William J. O'Neil, Author, *How to Make Money in Stocks* (1988)

April 2024

© 2024 Copyright, Rain King LLC. All Rights Reserved



Nasdaq: Power Trend

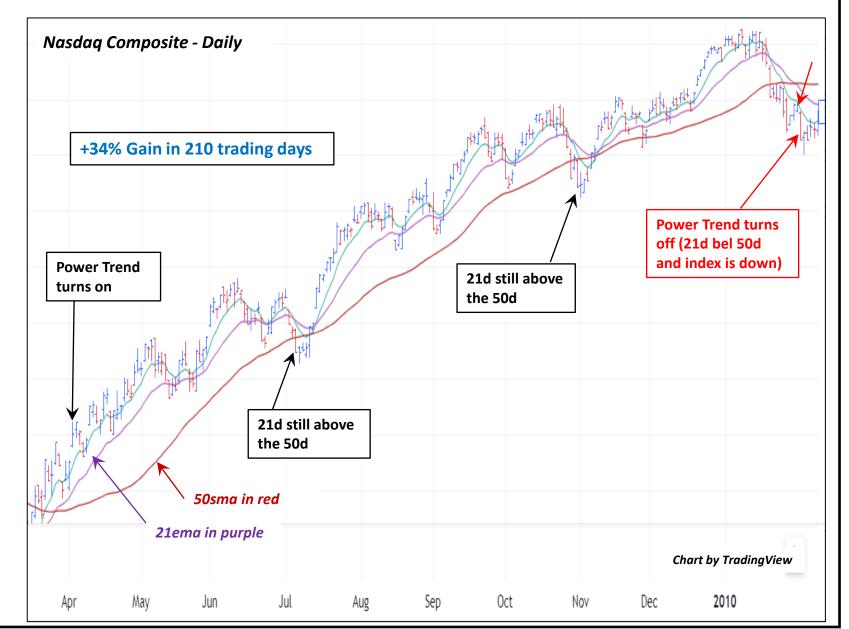
April 2, 2009 – Feb 4, 2010

Power Trend turns **ON** when <u>all</u> conditions are met:

- 21d MA is above the 50d MA for at least 5 consecutive days
- Index closes up or flat for the day
- 50d MA is in an uptrend for a least one day
- Index low has been above the 21d MA for at least 10 consecutive days

Power Trend turns OFF when:

- 21d MA crosses below the 50d MA and index closes down for the day
- Circuit breaker rule
 - Index falls -10% off high
 - Exposure reduced to 0% (100% cash)

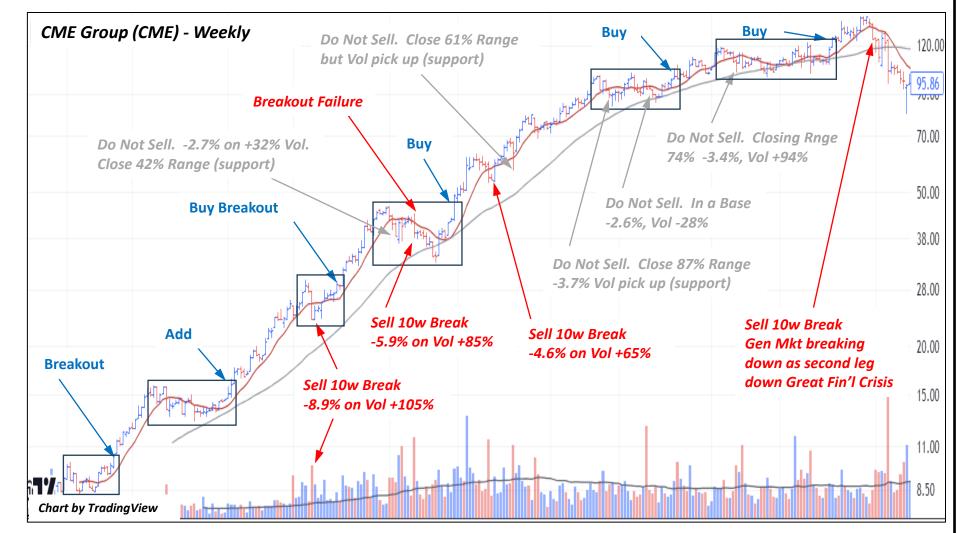




April 3, 2000, Federal Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson rules that Microsoft violated antitrust laws via predatory behavior that kept an "aggressive thumb" on the scales of competitive fortunes. Microsoft stock sank -14.5% on the news, losing \$80B in market value and dragging the Nasdaq down -7.6% on the day.



This date in 2003, CME Group (CME) broke out of a 13w Cup with Handle base and made astounding gains over 1300% over next 4 years





This date in 1999, PairGain Technologies stock gained +32% after a company employee, Gary Dale Hoke, made a fraudulent online post using a fake website mimicking the appearance of the Bloomberg news website suggesting that the company was being acquired for 1.35B by ECI Telecom.



"The average man doesn't wish to be told that it is a bull or a bear market. What he desires is to be told specifically which particular stock to buy or sell. He wants to get something for nothing. He does not wish to work. He doesn't even wish to have to think."

Jesse Livermore, 1877 – 1940, Market Speculator



"Investor's Daily newspaper launched on this date in 1984 with the backing of \$25M in profits from William J. O'Neil's two winners, Pic'N'Save and Price Club. Newspaper's name was changed in 1991 to Investor's Business Daily.



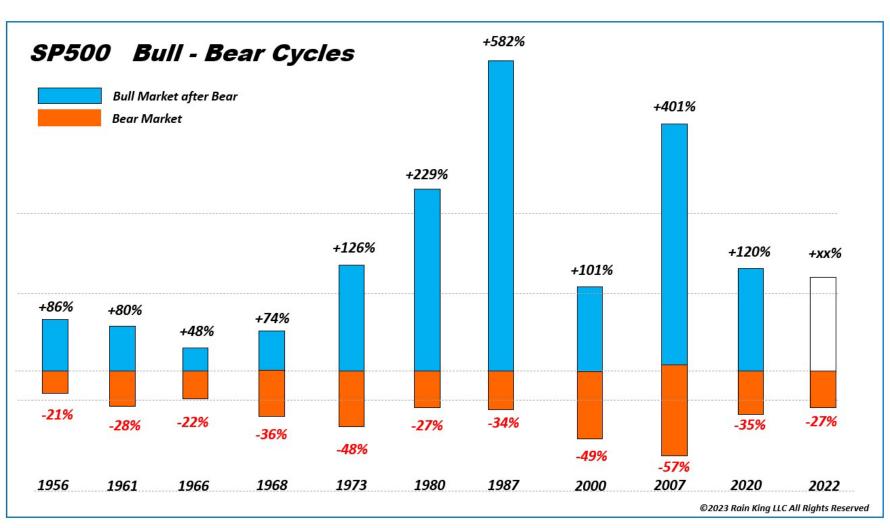
"If a battered stock refuses to sink any lower no matter how many negative articles appear in the papers, that stock is worth a close look."

James L. Fraser, Fraser Management



This date in 2020, China ends its lockdown of Wuhan, the city at the center of the COVID-19 pandemic after 76 days as the country reports no new deaths for the 1st time.

Once a Bear Market has run its course, the subsequent Bull Market can be very powerful.



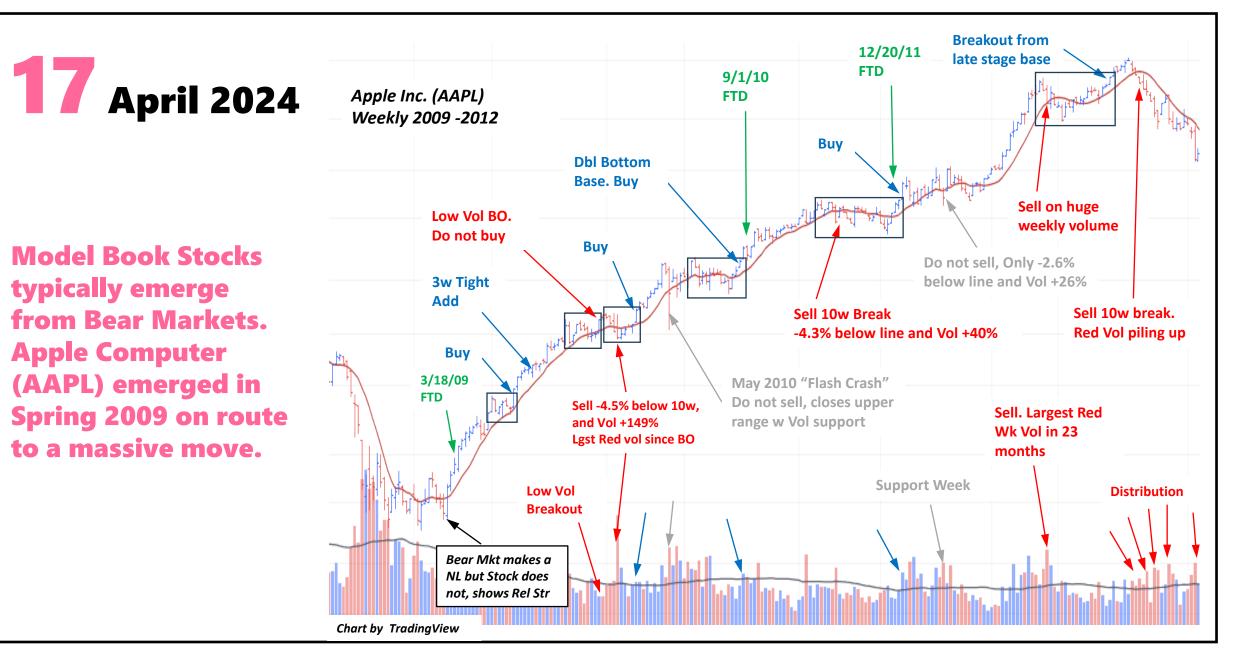


"An inventor fails 999 times, and if he succeeds once, he's in. He treats his failures simply as practice shots."

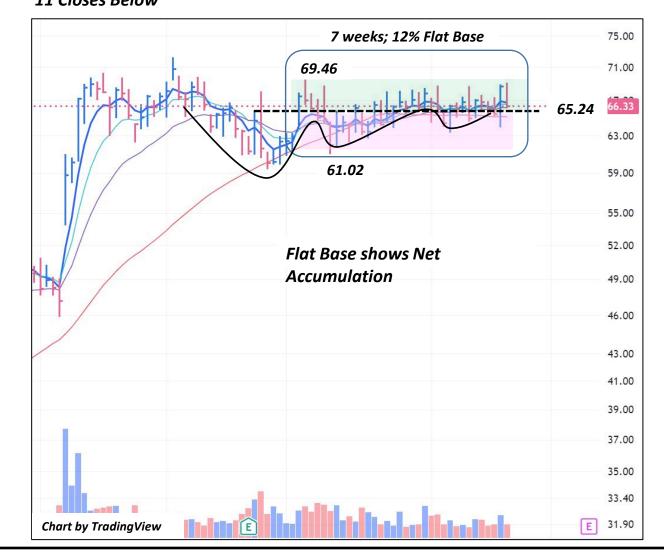
Charles Kettering 1876 – 1958, Inventor of electric ignition



This date in 1961, Robert Noyce while at Fairchild Semiconductor was awarded the first ever patent for a silicon integrated circuit or microchip. He went on to become the future founder of Intel. **Model Book Stocks** typically emerge from Bear Markets. **Apple Computer** (AAPL) emerged in **Spring 2009 on route** to a massive move.



Counting the closes above and below the midpoint of a Flat Base can provide a quick way to determine if the base is under accumulation or distribution. Exact Sciences (EXAS) – 2023 Daily 22 Closes Above 11 Closes Below





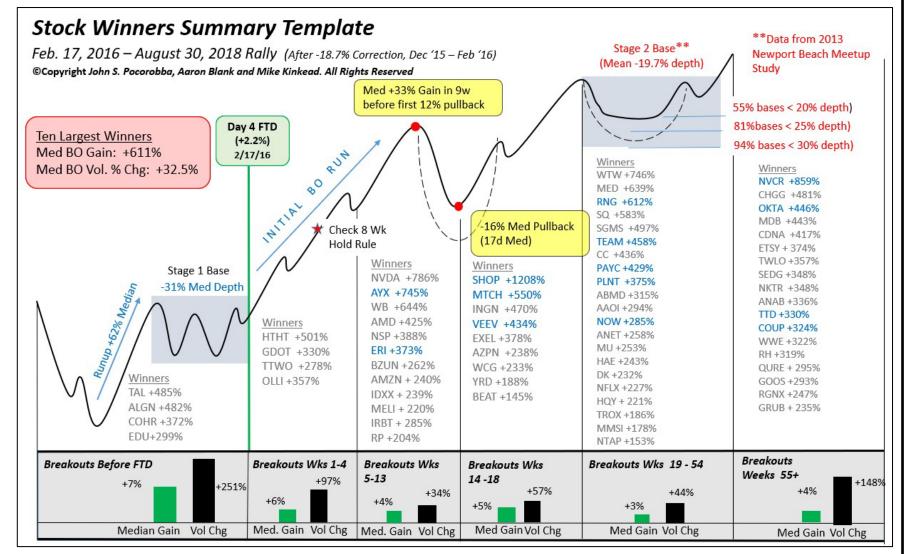
"What's going on...is the end of Silicon Valley as we know it. The next big thing ain't computers...it's biotechnology."

Larry Ellison, then Oracle CEO, Wall St Journal 4/8/2003, b. 1944

"The realization that you are responsible for the results you get is the key to successful investing. Winners know they are responsible for their results; losers think they are not."

Dr. Van Tharp, 1946 – 2022, Trading Psychologist

Template of the Biggest Winners from the 2016 – 2018 Bull Market."



Data: © 2023 Copyright Rain King LLC

"Three men came to Wall Street. The first always knew <u>what</u> was the best buy. The second knew <u>why</u> it was the best buy. But the third knew neither of these things; he only knew <u>when</u> to buy. He made the most money."

Richard D. Wychoff, 1873 – 1934, *Stock Market Technique No. One (1933)*

The terms "Cheap" and "Expensive" mean nothing in the markets.

Its all about Supply and Demand. *Will someone pay more or less for this stock in the future?*



"If your goal is to trade like a professional and be a consistent winner, then you must start from the premise that the solutions are in your mind and not in the market."

Mark Douglas, Author, *Trading in the Zone (2000)*

"At the end of the day, your job is to buy what goes up and to sell what goes down, so really who gives a damn about P/E ratios."

Paul Tudor Jones, Hedge Fund Manager, b. 1954



"If you're extremely confident, taking a loss doesn't bother you."

Stanley Druckenmiller, Hedge Fund Manager, b. 1953

May 2024

© 2024 Copyright, Rain King LLC. All Rights Reserved



This day in 1975, Vanguard Group was started by Jack Bogel as a mutual fund company focused on lowering investor's fees by launching passive index funds. It started with \$1.7 Billion of assets and today has a staggering \$5.1 Billion under management.



"Bull markets are born on pessimism, grow on skepticism, mature on optimism and die on euphoria."

Sir John Templeton, 1912 – 2008, Founder Templeton Funds

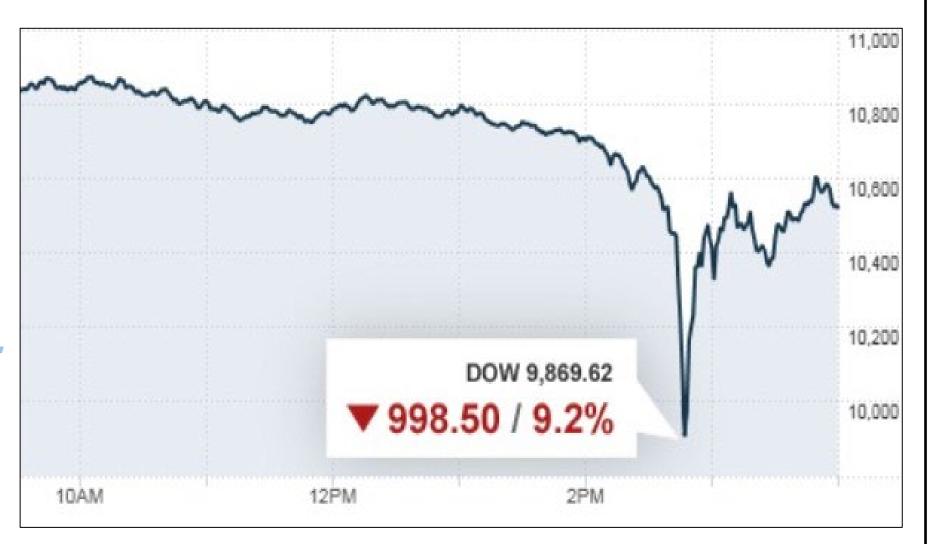


"If you develop the absolute sense of certainty that powerful beliefs provide, then you can get yourself to accomplish virtually anything, including those things that other people are certain are impossible."

Anthony Robbins, Motivator/Author, b. 1960



May 6, 2010 "Flash Crash" began at 2:32pm EST. The Dow fell 1,000 point in only 10 minutes and lost 9% in one hour. Over 1 Trillion in equity evaporated, although the market regained 70% by the end of the day.





"Technical Analysis tracks the past; it does not predict the future. You have to use your own intelligence to draw conclusions about what the past activities of some traders may say about the future activity of other traders."

Bruce Kovner, featured in *Market Wizards*, b. 1946



"Everything must wait its turn....peach blossoms for the second month and chrysanthemums for the ninth"

Japanese Proverb



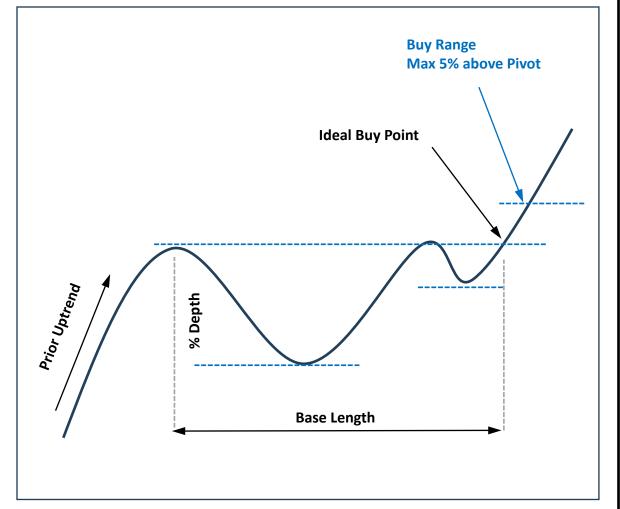
"The usual bull market weathers a number of tests until it is considered invulnerable, whereupon it is ripe for a bust."

George Soros, Financier, philanthropist, political activist b. 1930

10 May 2024

Cup with Handle Base Pattern

- Prior Uptrend: at least 30%
- Base Depth: 15-30%
- Base Length: at least 7 weeks (starting with the first down week)
- Handle: at least 5 days long (count starts with first down day)
- Buy Point: peak in the handle, plus 10 cents
- Buy Range: up to 5% above the ideal buy point





"When everyone thinks alike, everyone is likely to be wrong."

Humphrey B. Neill, Art of Contrary Opinion (1954)



"Losers bring money into the market which is necessary for the prosperity of the trading industry."

Alexander Elder, *Trading for a Living (1993)*



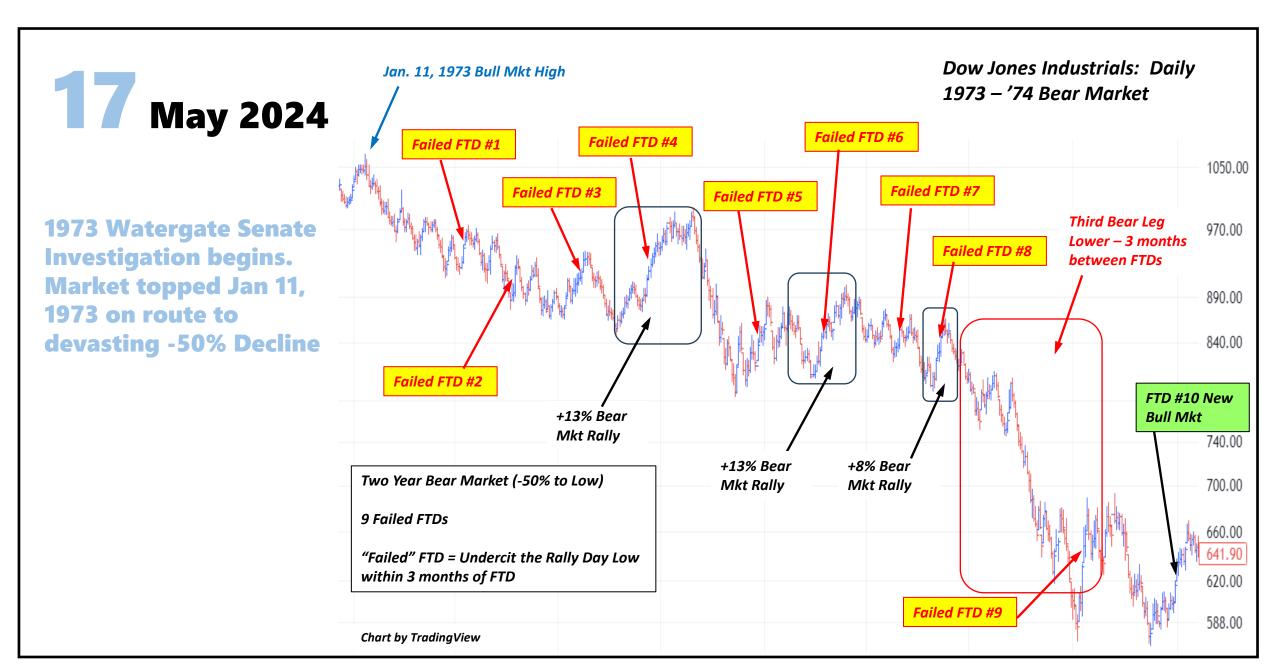
"One possible reason why things aren't going to plan is that there never was a plan."

Ashleigh Brilliant, Author



"If you ever have to ask for someone else's opinion on a trade, you shouldn't be in the trade."

Linda Bradford Raschke, Commodities Trader, b. 1959





"Faced with the choice between changing one's mind and proving there is no need to do so, almost everyone gets busy on the proof."

John Kenneth Galbraith, 1908 – 2006, Economist

"Investors who train themselves to decode price movements on charts have an enormous advantage over those who either refuse to learn, just don't know any better or are a bit lazy."

William J. O'Neil, 1933 - 2023

Each Decade contains new Bull Markets showcasing new young companies with innovative new products and services that change the way we live, work and play.

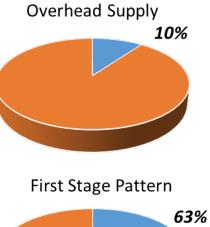
Decade	Number of Uptrends	Simple Average Gain	Total Months	Percent of Time 22%	
1890's	2	90%	26		
1900's	4	70%	56	47%	
1910's	2	84%	20	17%	
1920's	3	91%	59	49%	
1930's 3		105%	35	49%	
1940's	2	49%	24	20%	
1950's	2	78%	39	33%	
1960's	1	72%	30	25% 26%	
1970's	2	67%	31		
1980's	4	80%	64	53%	
1990's	6	70%	56	47%	
2000's	3	79%	39	33%	
2010's	4	76%	88	73%	
TOTAL	38	78%	44	36%	

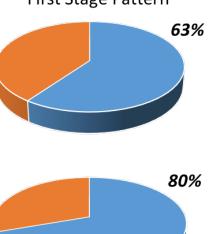
Data from Monster Stocks by John Boik

"By and large, life will give you what you deserve and it doesn't give a damn what you like. So it is up to you to take full responsibility to connect what you want with what you need to do to get it, and then do those things."

Ray Dalio, Founder Bridgewater Capital, b. 1949

The 'High Tight Flag' is a rare powerful pattern that begins with a 100-120% move in 4-8 weeks followed by a flag correcting no more than 10-25% in 3-5 weeks





- 54% of the High Tight Flags had dormancy period for minimum 9 months before breaking out to start the Pole. The results were an Average Gain of +360%
- **12 Week Run-Up** prior to the Pole Breakout averaged **88%** signaling strength
- 67% of the High Tight Flags exhibited Volume Dry Up in the Flag formation and those names produced an Average Gain of +380%

Lifetime All Time Highs

Data: © 2024 Copyright Rain King LLC



Memorial Day

"Making a commitment is many times easier than closing one."

Gerald M. Loeb, 1899 – 1974, Founding Partner EF Hutton



"You have the power over your mind, not outside events. Realize this and you will find strength."

Marcus Aurelius, Roman Emperor and Stoic Philosopher

"One of the great tools of trading is the stop. The point at which you divorce yourself from your emotions and ego and admit you are wrong."

Marty Schwartz, Market Wizard, Trader b. 1945



"Money cannot be consistently made trading every day or every week during the year."

Jesse Livermore, 1897 - 1940

Margin used properly can accelerate your account equity.....If used recklessly, margin can wipe out an entire account.

Treat margin like a sailor treats the sea.....with much respect.

Account		Position		LOSS	Loss \$\$		Capital Left		% Return on Capital to get back to BE
\$	100,000	\$	100,000	5%	\$	5,000	\$	95,000	5.3%
				7%	\$	7,000	\$	93,000	7.5%
				11%	\$	11,000	\$	89,000	12.4%
				20%	\$	20,000	\$	80,000	25.0%
				25%	\$	25,000	\$	75,000	33.3%
			-	50%	\$	50,000	\$	50,000	100.0%
				90%	\$	90,000	\$	10,000	900.0%

Account		Position + 100% Margin		LOSS	Loss \$\$		Equity Left		Return to get back to B/E
\$	100,000	\$ 200,000	5%	\$	10,000	\$	90,000	11.1%	
				7%	\$	14,000	\$	86,000	16.3%
				11%	\$	22,000	\$	78,000	28.2%
				20%	\$	40,000	\$	60,000	67.0%
				25%	\$	50,000	\$	50,000	100.0%
			-	50%	\$	100,000	\$	Broke	
				90%					

© 2024 Copyright, Rain King LLC. All Rights Reserved



General Motors Co. files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy after an astounding \$38.7B loss in 2008 as revenues declined 45%. Stock finished the day at .75 cents and was removed from the Dow Jones Industrials for first time since 1925.

A re-structured GM returned to the market in November 2010 with an IPO at \$33/share.



"Stocks are super attractive when the Fed is loosening and interest rates are falling. In sum: Don't fight the Fed!"

Martin Zweig, 1943 – 2013 Fund Manager

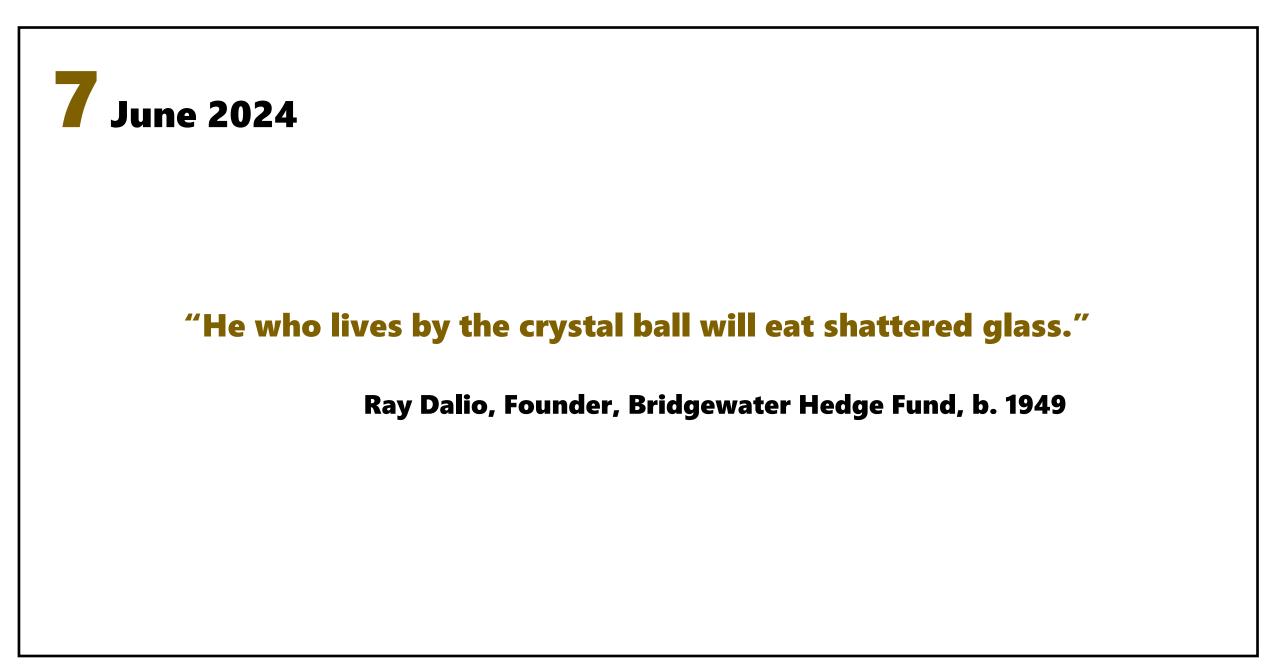
Psychological Round Numbers have served as important support and resistance throughout market history





"If the winds of fortune are temporarily blowing against you, remember that you can harness them and make them carry you toward your definite purpose, through the use of your imagination."

Napolean Hill 1883 – 1970, Author, *Think and Grow Rich (1937)*





"The big guys are the status quo, not the innovators."

Kenneth L. Fisher, Founder Fisher Investments, b. 1950



This date 1998, Compaq Computer acquired Digital Equipment in the largest computer industry buyout in history at the time. The combined company had revenues of \$37.5B but a strain was put on the company when the dot.com bubble burst. In 2002, HP Inc. acquired a weakened Compaq for \$25B.

Key Data Points from recent Model Books* compared to Historical IBD research

2012 – '15 Model Book

2016 – '18 Model Book

* Research conducted independent of

Investors Business Daily

IBD Historical Research 2012 – '15 Cycle 2016 – 2018 Market Cycle 50% 86% Sales >30% Prior Qtr before Breakout 37% Sales >30% Prior Qtr before Breakout 87% Earnings >30% Prior Qtr before Breakout Earnings >30% Prior Qtr before Breakout 61% 49% Earnings Acceleration 3 gtrs. before Breakout Earnings Acceleration 3 gtrs. before Breakout 67% 25% 13% 28 Average Return on Equity at Breakout 18 Average Return on Equity at Breakout Average Relative Strength at Breakout 87 83 81 Average Relative Strength @ Breakout Ave. Length of Time for Big Winner Average Length of Time for Big Winner 21mo. 16mo. 23mo. 75 61 Median EPS Rating @ BO Breakout **Composite Rating @ Breakout** 75 82 68% 16% Median Sales % Prior Qtr before Breakout ©Copyright John S. Pocorobba, Aaron Blank and Mike Kinkead. All Rights Reserved

Key Metrics of Big Winners



In 2000, this marked the largest securities fraud bust called "Operations Uptick" by the FBI and SEC. The bust encompassing 120 individuals including Mafia affiliates, securities dealers and even the treasurer of NYC's police detective pension fund. They faced accusations of racketeering, and securities fraud from manipulating 19 microcap stocks, defrauding investors of \$50M.



Pandora, a music streaming service in 2011 went public at \$16/share for a market cap of \$2.6B. Company struggled with profitability and by February 2019 Sirius XM Holdings (SIRI) completed a \$3.5B acquisition.

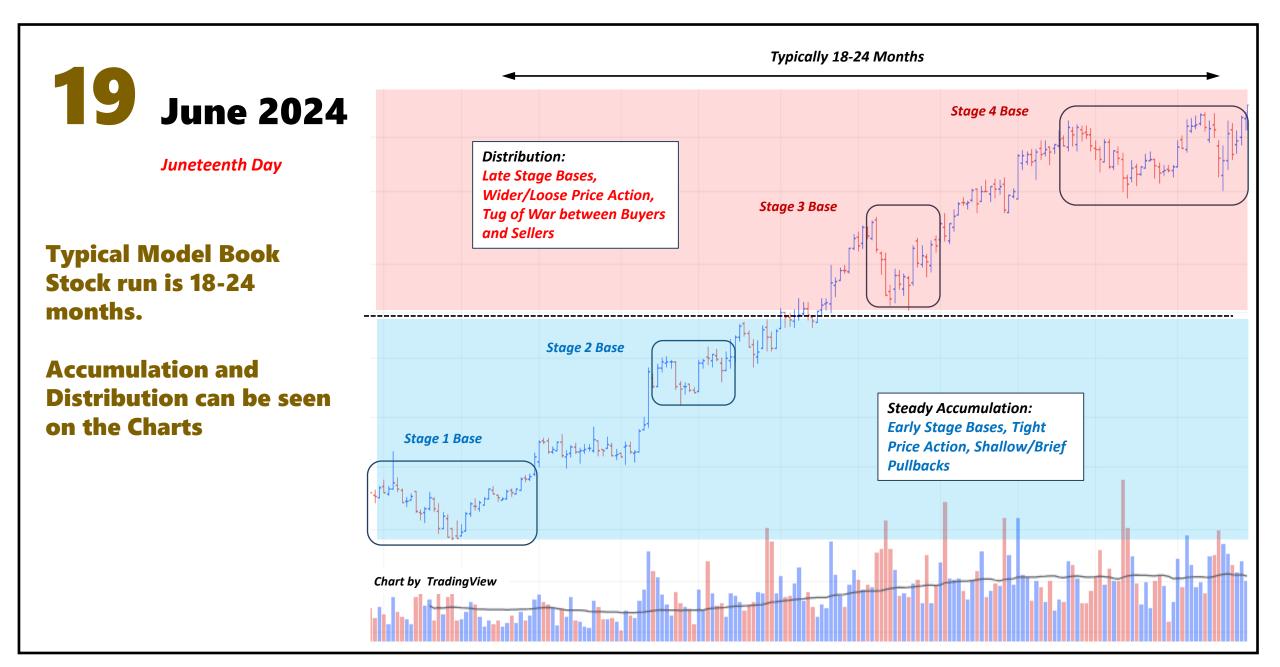
The Glass – Seagall Act of 1933 signed by Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The Act separated Traditional Banking such as checking and saving accounts from Investment Banking such as insurance, swaps, hedge funds and private equity.

The Act was partially repealed in 1999 when some argued the limitations of the banking sector were unhealthy and such diversification would *reduce* risk.

It was later blamed as a contributor to the 2008 Great Financial Crisis.



Fitbit IPO this date in 2015 for \$20/share and traded as high as \$30 on its first day. But soon investors saw an intensely competitive market ahead. By 2017, it was selling 75% below the IPO price and was acquired by Alphabet Inc. (GOOGL) in 2019.



Don't be a hero, don't have an ego, always question yourself and your ability. Don't ever feel like you are that good. The second you do, you are dead.

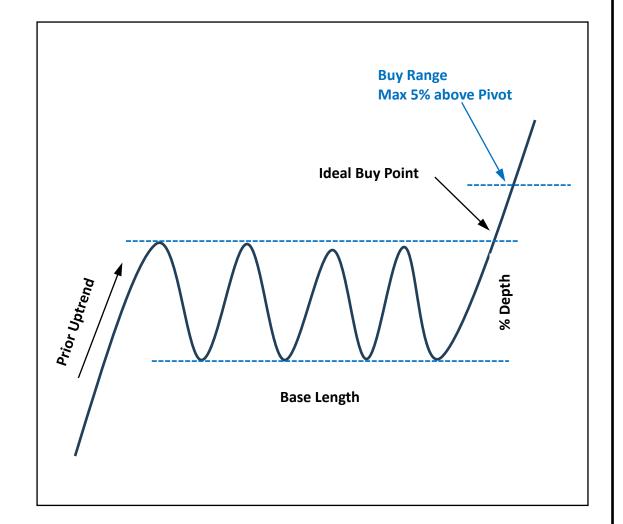
Paul Tudor Jones, b. 1954



This date in 1988 was the IPO for Dell Computer Co. By 1992, Michael Dell was the youngest CEO of a Fortune 500 company at age 27.

Flat Base Pattern

- Prior Uptrend: at Least 20%
- Base Depth: 15% or less
- Base Length: At least 5 weeks (start with first down week)
- Buy Point: Peak in the base (typically on left side of the pattern) plus 10 cents
- Buy range: Up to 5% above the ideal buy point





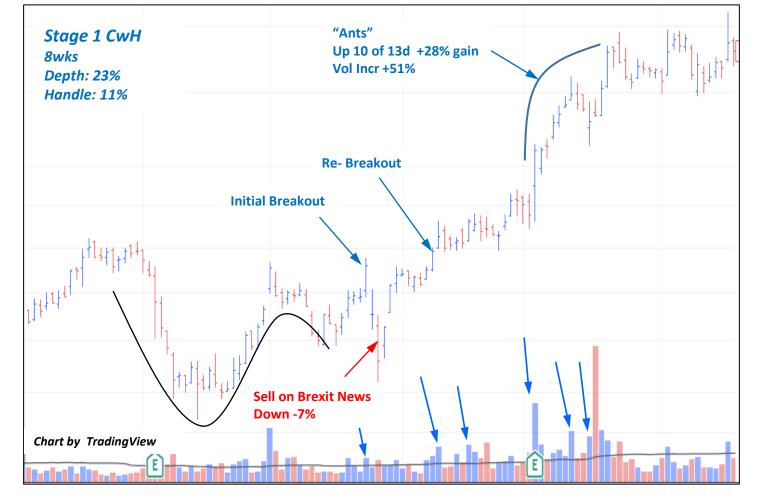
"A speculator is a man who observes the future and acts before it occurs."

Bernard Baruch, 1873 – 1965, Financier

After Brexit news was digested, Shopify (SHOP) on this date in 2016 began a multi year run.

An investor's ability to buyback the second breakout led to substantial gains.

Shopify (SHOP): Daily 2016



"A personal opinion is a intermediate between knowledge and ignorance."

Plato, Greek Philosopher 424 – 438 BC

This day in 1995, Spyglass Inc. became the first ever publically traded internet software company with its internet browser Mosaic. The stock was up 200% on its first day to close at \$27.25/share.

July 2024

© 2024 Copyright, Rain King LLC. All Rights Reserved



This date in 1926 Benjamin Graham, renowned economist and investor, launched his own investment firm which would become a value investing beacon.



July 2, 1962 Sam Walton opens the first Walmart store in Rogers, Arkansas.

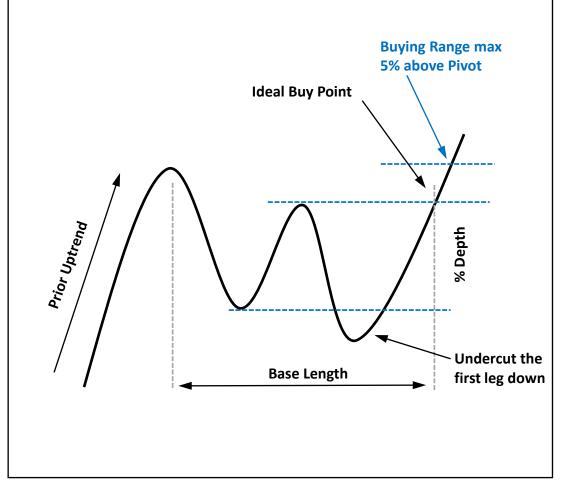
The company was brought public in 1970 at \$16.50/share



3 July 2024

Double Bottom Base Pattern

- Prior Uptrend: at least 30%
- Base Depth: 40% or less
- Base Length: At least 7 weeks (start with first down week)
- Buy Point: Peak in the middle of the W: should form in the upper half of base and should be below the left side peak
- Undercut the bottom of the second leg down should be lower than the bottom of the first leg down
- Buy Point: 10 cents above the peak in the middle of the W
- Buy Range: up to 5% above the ideal buy point





Independence Day

"Hang around the barbershop long enough, someday you are going to get a haircut"

Unknown

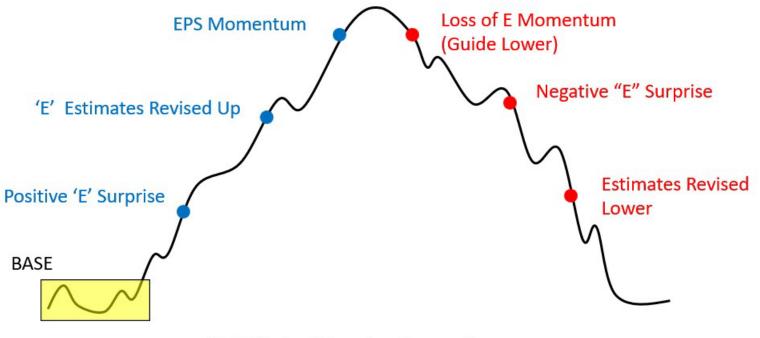
5 July 2024

Lifecycle of a Growth Stock

"The biggest factor in stock prices is the lure of future earnings.

The dream of the future is what excites people, not the reality."

Nicholas Darvas, 1959



50/80 Rule: When leading stocks tops:

- 50% Chance it will decline 80%
- 80% chance it will decline 50%



This date in 1932, the Dow hit its depression era low at 41.22, a drop of 90% from its all time high.

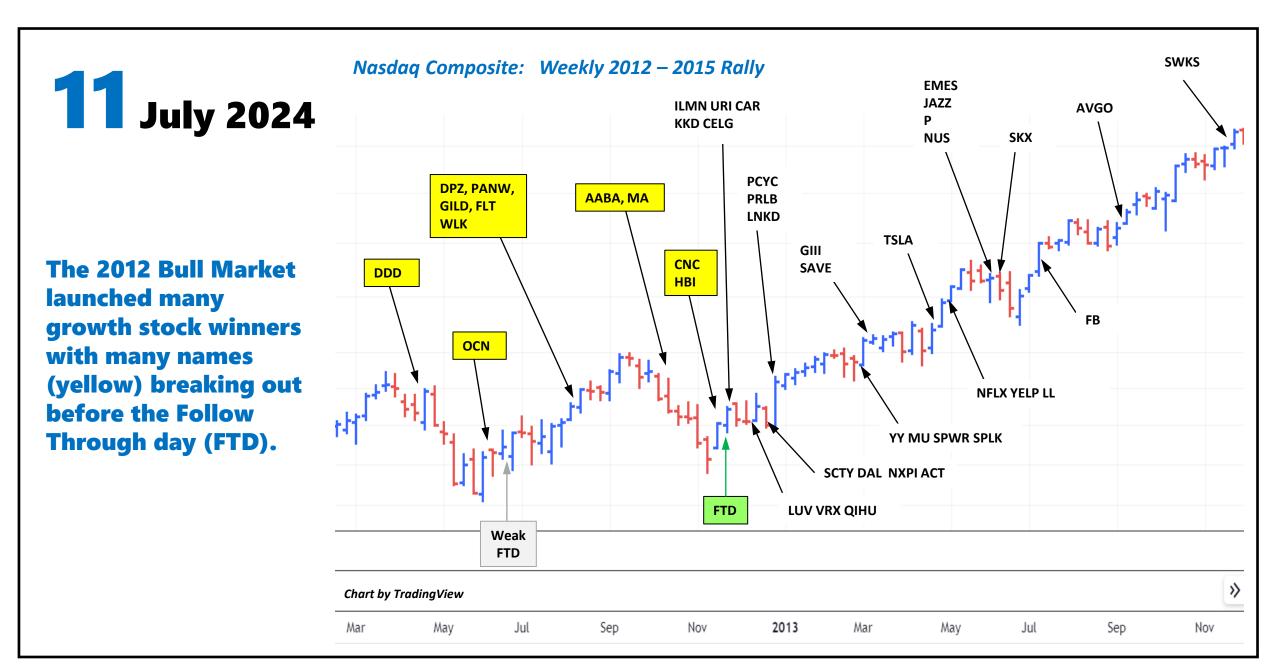


"To anticipate the market is to gamble. To be patient and react only when the market gives the signal is to speculate."

Jesse Livermore 1877 – 1940, Wall St. Speculator

"The number one market leader is not the largest company or the one with the most recognized brand name; it's the one with the best quarterly and annual earnings growth, return on equity, profit margins, sales growth and price action"

William J. O'Neil, Founder, Investor's Business Daily





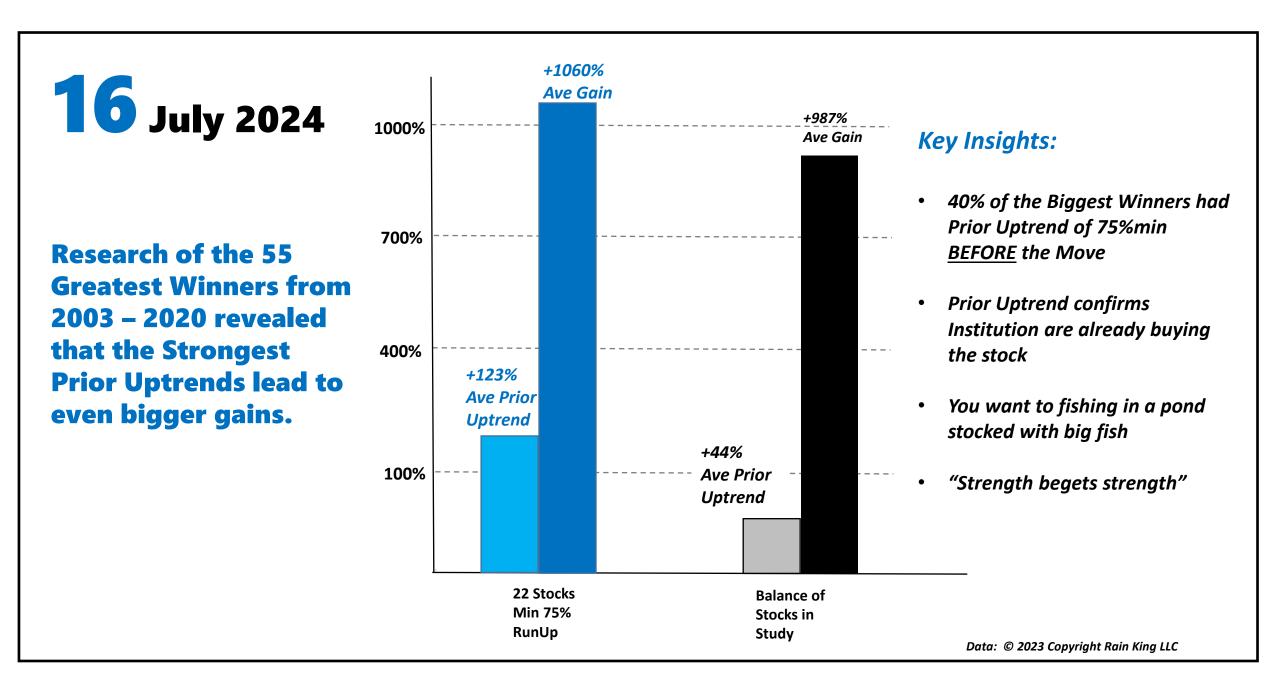
"Pride of opinion has been responsible for the downfall of more men on Wall Street than any other factor."

Charles Dow 1851-1902 Founder, Dow Industrial Average, Wall St Journal



"Regardless of economic conditions, it's always important to remember that the stock market is a barometer and not a thermometer."

Yale Hirsch, 1923 – 2021, Creator, *Stock Trader's Almanac*





"The most important rule of trading is to play great defense, not great offense."

Paul Tudor Jones, Hedge Fund Manager, b. 1954



This day in 1968, Intel Corporation was founded by Robert Noyce and Gordon Moore who both were defectors from Fairchild Semiconductor.

Fairchild Stock had a great run from 1959 – 1960.



"Trading in stocks without scientifically limiting your risk is like wearing your pants without either a belt or suspenders."

Richard D. Wychoff, Author, Stock Market Technique, No. Two (1934)

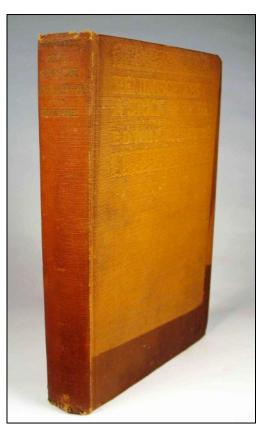


"I believe in analysis and not forecasting."

Nicholas Darvas, Author, *How I Made \$2,000,000 in the Stock Market (1960)*

July 23, 1996, Elaine Garzarelli, famous for her market call before the '87 Crash, made an ill-timed prediction that the US Stock Market (Dow) would crash 15-25%. Six months later the Dow was +27% higher. The Dow never came within 1,000 pts of her prediction.

In July 1923, Reminiscences of a Stock Operator was published based on a series of Saturday Evening Post Articles from interviews with an 'unknown trader' from June 1922 – May 1923. Author Edwin Lefevre dedicated the book to Jesse Livermore. An original copy of the book is valued at \$5,000



REMINISCENCES OF A STOCK OPERATOR

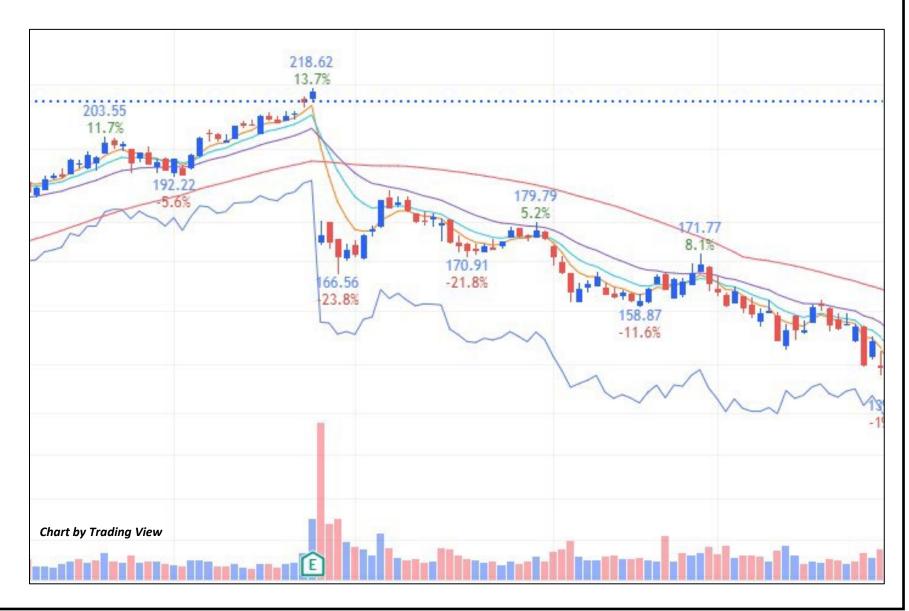
BY EDWIN LEFÈVRE AUTHOR OF "WALL STREET STORIES," "SIMONETTA," ETC.



"Put all your eggs in one basket and then watch the basket very carefully."

Stanley Druckenmiller, b. 1953

This date in 2018, Meta Platforms (META) shares tumble -18% wiping out \$119B in Market Capitalization, the largest single day market cap decline in history.



"Stock market analysis is the task of separating real possibilities from mere hopes. And the path to doing this successfully is by concentrating on what you do know because it is actually happening – current prices, volume, statistics etc. – rather on what might happen or should happen."

Justin Mamis, 1929 – 2019, *The Professional Tape Reader Newsletter*

In 1979, IBM replaces Chrysler in the Dow Industrials reflecting growing dominance in technology in the global economy. IBM excelled at computer hardware, software and data analytics.



"There are a million ways to make money in the markets. The irony is that they are all very diffucult to find."

Jack D. Schwager, Author, *Market Wizards* series

© 2024 Copyright, Rain King LLC. All Rights Reserved



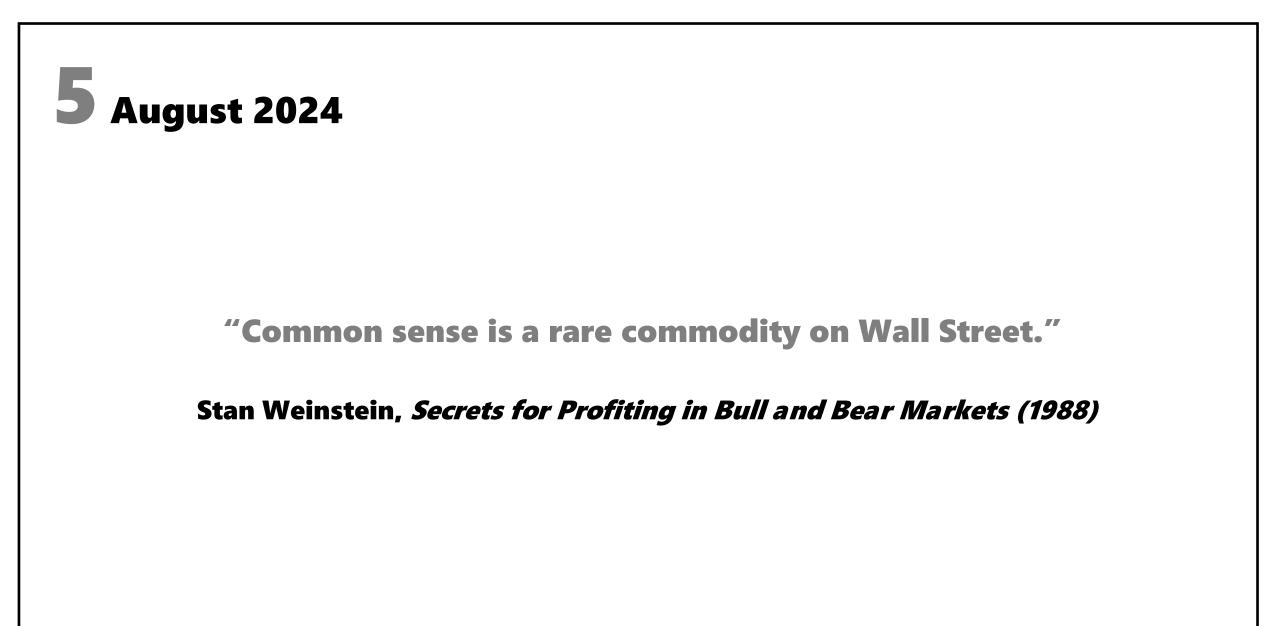
"Good investing is a peculiar balance between the conviction to follow your ideas and the flexibility to recognize when you have made a mistake."

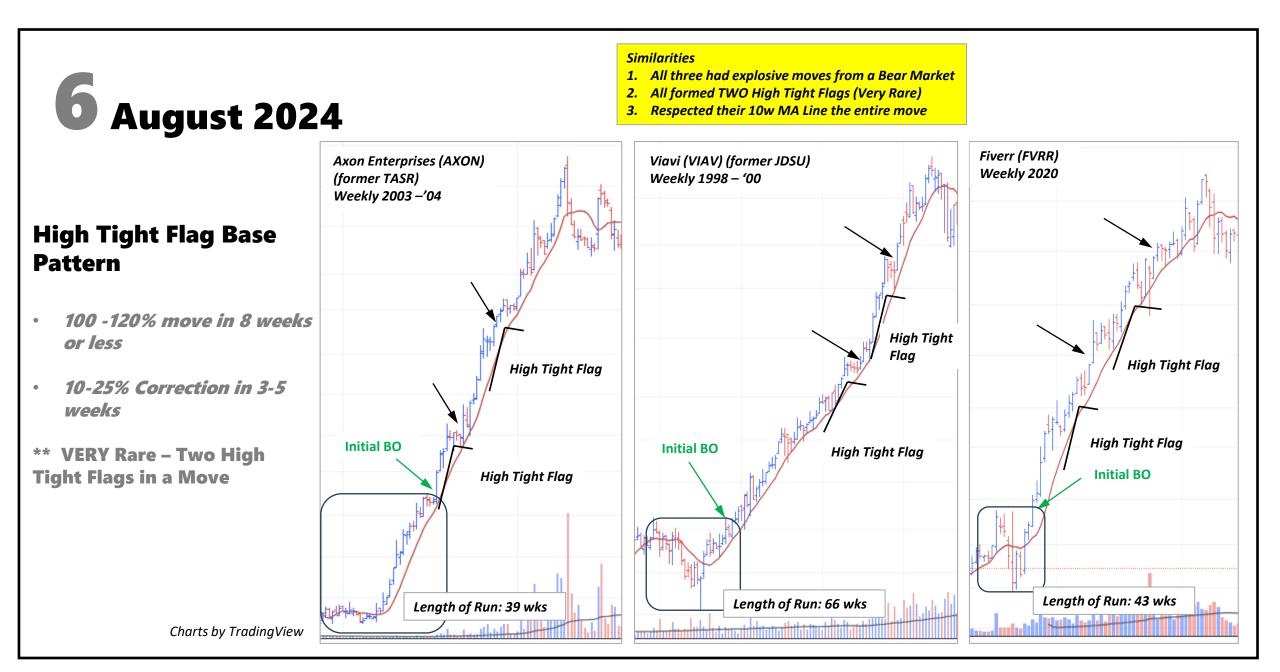
Michael Steinhardt, Hedge Fund Manager, b. 1940



"When people tell me they've learned from experience, I tell them the trick is to learn from other people's experience."

Warren Buffett, Chairman Berkshire Hathway, b. 1930







"It isn't the head but the stomach that determines the fate of the stockpicker."

Peter Lynch, Author, *Beating the Street (1994)*



Richard Nixon, 37th President of the US, made historic announcement to resign before impeachment hearings were to begin regarding the 1972-'74 Watergate Scandal.



"The way I understand the rules on inside information, it's very vague."

Steven A. Cohen, Hedge Fund Manager, b. 1954



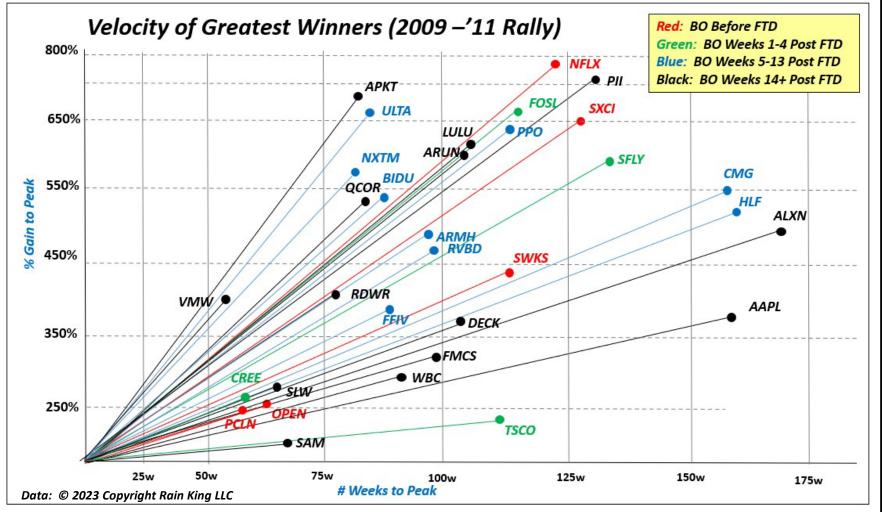
"The surest way to be wrong in the markets is to make predictions."

Unknown

"You create your own game in your mind based on your beliefs, intents, perceptions and rules."

Mark Douglas, 1948 – 2015, *Trading in the Zone (2000)*

A new Bull Market began in March 2009. Most biggest winners of that period broke out in the first 13 weeks of the Follow Through Day (FTD).





"Don't try to buy at the bottom and sell at the top.....it can't be done except by liars."

Bernard Baruch, 1870 – 1965, Financier

This date in 1987, the Dow's had its first 100 point week (102.27) rushing in a new era of optimism seeing signs of economic recovery. Two months later, the overheated market crashed in October.



This date 2004, Alphabet, formerly Google (GOOG), conducts its Dutch Auction IPO at \$85 per share for a valuation of \$23B. It closed the first day +18%.



"All you need is to look over the earnings forecasts publically made a year ago to see how much care you need to give those being made now for next year."

Gerald M. Loeb, Author, The Battle for Investment Survival (1935, 1965)

"The great paradox of trading is that it demands you be both risk loving and highly disciplined."

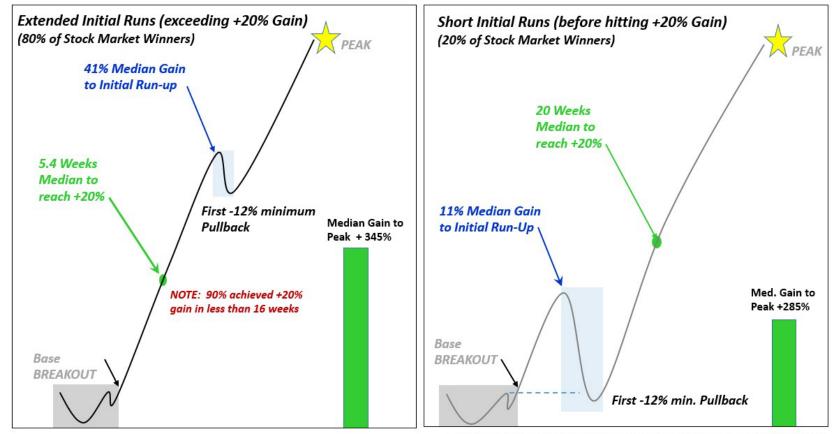
Brent Donnelly, Author, Alpha Trader (2021)

"The more confidence I have in each one of my stock picks, the fewer companies I need to own in my portfolio."

Joel Greenblatt, Author, The Little Book That Still Beats the Market (2010)

2016 – '18 Bull Market Study Data shows the strongest Initial Runs from Breakout to the first 12% Pullback perform 21% better to the Peak than names with shorter initial runs

Initial Runs before First 12% Pullback (2016 – 2018 Rally)



[©]Copyright John S. Pocorobba, Aaron Blank and Mike Kinkead. All Rights Reserved

"In Wall Street, the man who does not change his mind will soon have no change to mind."

William D. Gann 1878 – 1955, Technical Analyst

"Repetition is how you learn any new skill – and investing successfully is a skill you can learn if you have the burning desire to work at it until you succeed."

William J. O'Neil, 1933 - 2023

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

Thomas A. Edison, 1847 - 1931

"Few people ever made money on tips. Beware of inside information. If there was easy money lying around, no one would be forcing it into your pocket."

Jesse Livermore, 1877 – 1940, Wall Street Speculator

You don't trade the markets. You can only trade your beliefs about the markets."

Dr. Van Tharp, Author, Trade your Way to Financial Freedom (2006)

© 2024 Copyright, Rain King LLC. All Rights Reserved



Labor Day

"Successful investment is a battle for financial survival"

Gerald M. Loeb, 1899 – 1974, EF Hutton Partner

Bear Markets are frequently associated with Recessions but not always the case.

Bear Markets - Recessions						
S&P 500 Index Bear Markets since WWII						
Month of Peak	Month of Trough	% Decline	Recession?			
May 1946	May 1947	-29%	No			
Aug 1956	Oct 1957	-22%	Yes			
Dec 1961	June 1962	-28%	No			
Feb 1966	Oct 1966	-22%	No			
Dec 1968	May 1970	-36%	Yes			
Jan 1973	Oct 1974	-48%	Yes			
Sept 1976	Mar 1978	-19%	No			
Nov 1980	Aug 1982	-27%	Yes			
Aug 1987	Dec 1987	-34%	No			
Jul 1990	Oct 1990	-20%	Yes			
Jul 1998	Aug 1998	-19%	No			
Mar 2000	Oct 2002	-49%	Yes			
Oct 2007	Mar 2009	-56%	Yes			
Apr 2011	Oct 2011	-19%	No			
Sept 2018	Dec 2018	-20%	No			
Feb 2020	Mar 2020	-35%	Yes			
	Ave (All)	-30%				
	Ave (Recessions)	-37%				
	Avg (No Recession)	-24%				



"The stock market is a device for transferring money from the impatient to the patient."

Warren Buffett, Investor, Philanthropist, b. 1930



"A successful trader studies human nature and does the opposite of what the general public does."

William D. Gann, Author, *Truth of the Stock Tape (1923)*

"The bad news generally comes out at the bottom and the good news at the top of the swings. Take charts of many stocks and mark thereon the principal news items for any year and you will find that this is generally true. The public usually buys on good news and sells on bad. Insiders and the professionals do the opposite."

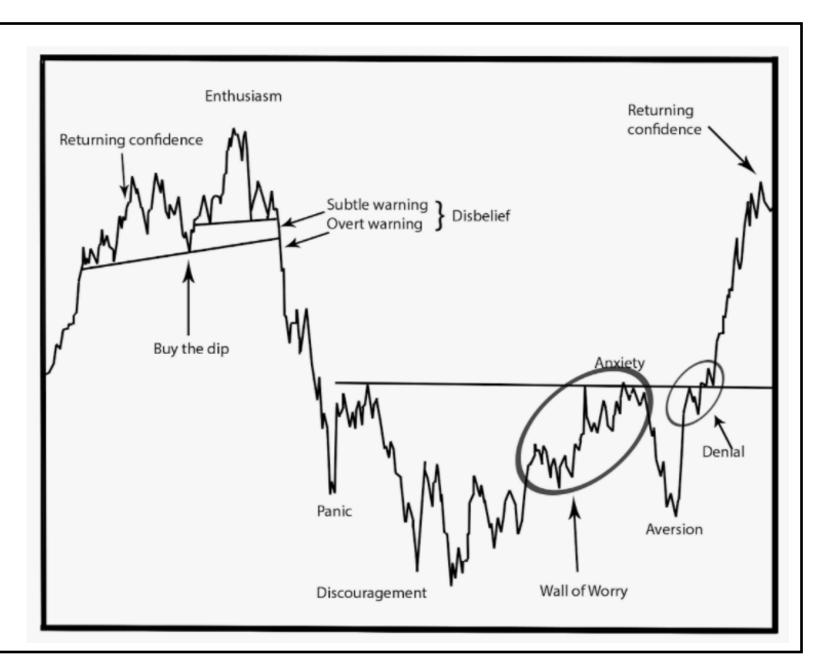
Richard D. Wychoff, Author, *Stock Market Technique Magazine (1920's)*



"In this age of instant information, investors can experience both fear and greed at the exact same moment."

Sam Stovall, Managing Director of US Equity Strategy at CFRA

Justin Mamis', *Professional Tape Reader* newsletter coined the "Mamis Sentiment Cycle" capturing the emotions of the market at Tops and Bottoms



"When your account has these massive swings up and down, there is a tendency to feel a rush when the market is going your way and devastation when its going against you. These emotions do absolutely nothing to make you a good trader. It's far better to keep the equity swings manageable and strive for a sense of balance each day, no matter what happens."

Tom Basso, Hedge Fund Manager, Founder Trendstat Capital



"Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

Albert Einstein, Physicist, 1879 – 1955



"If you are ever very nervous about a position overnight and especially over the weekend, and you're able to get out at a much better price than you thought possible when the market trades, you're usually better off staying with the position."

Marty Schwartz, Market Wizard, b. 1945



Lehman Brothers, after 150 yrs on Wall St, was overleveraged and became a casualty of Great Financial Crisis.

Lehman dives -95% to 0.19 cents

AIG shares down 60% to \$5

Wachovia shares down 23% to \$10.90

Bank of America falls 20% to \$26.90





"Everyone times the market. Some people buy when they have money, and sell when they need money, while others use methods that are more sophisticated."

Marian McClellan, 1934 – 2003, Co-Creator of McClellan Oscillator



"A mistake is when you don't follow your rules. If you don't have rules in trading, everything you do is a mistake."

Dr. Van Tharp, 1946 – 2022, Trading Psychologist



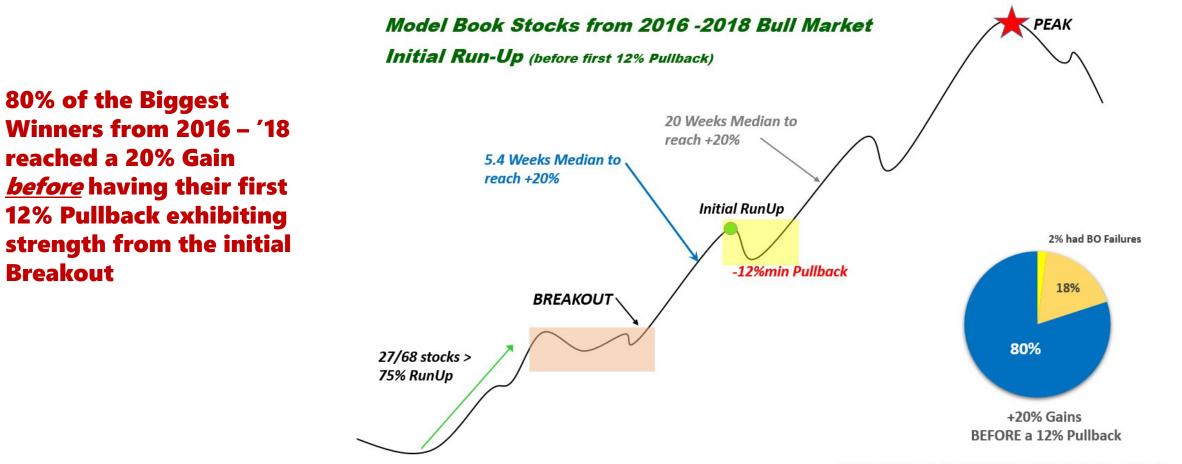
"I believe that most people in this country and throughout the free world, whether young or old, regardless of their profession, education, background, or economic position, should learn to save, and invest in common stocks."

William J. O'Neil, Founder, Investors Business Daily Newspaper in 1984



All New Highs are bullish except the last one

Breakout



©Copyright John S. Pocorobba, Aaron Blank and Mike Kinkead. All Rights Reserved

NOTE: 90% achieved +20% gain in less than 16 wks



"To succeed in the markets, it is essential to make your own decisions. Numerous traders cited listening to others as their worst blunder."

Jack D. Schwager, Author, Stock Market Wizards Series b. 1948

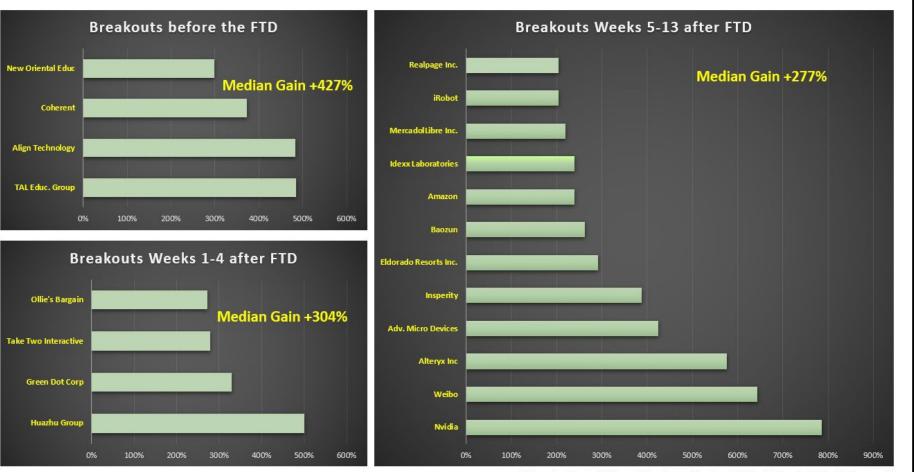


"Never buy a stock because it has had a big decline from its previous high."

Jesse Livermore, 1877 – 1940, Wall Street Speculator

The Biggest Winners in a new Bull Market tend to Breakout just before the Follow Through Day or in the first 13 weeks.

Data shown from a Study of the 2016-'18 Bull Market



©Copyright John S. Pocorobba, Aaron Blank and Mike Kinkead. All Rights Reserved



"No man ever reached to excellence in any art or profession without having passed through the slow and painful process of study and preparation."

Mark Douglas, Author, *Trading in the Zone (2000*)

1952, NYSE discontinued Saturday trading and added 30 minutes to the trading each weekday running 10am to 3:30pm. In 1985, the hours became 9:30am to 4:00pm.

"The Dow declines 777.68 pts as the House rejects a bailout plan for the unfolding financial crisis.

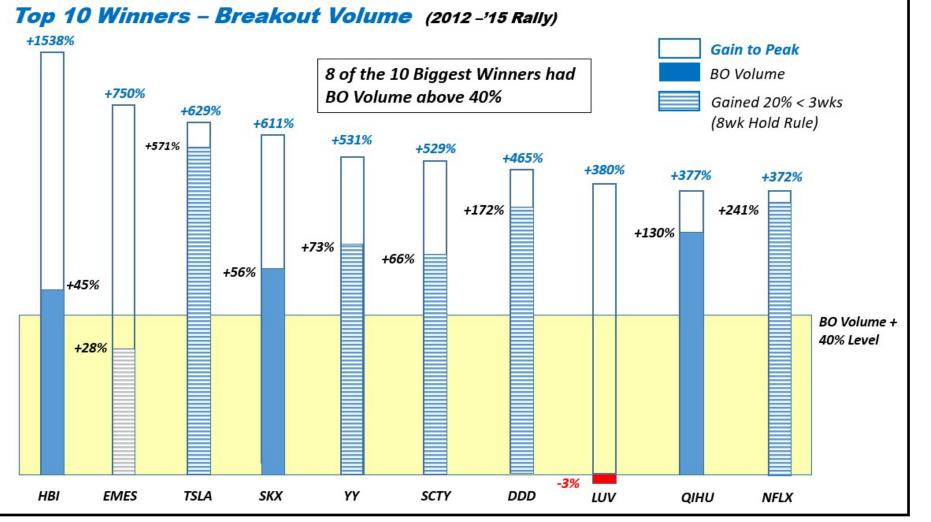


October 2024

© 2024 Copyright, Rain King LLC. All Rights Reserved

October 2024

The biggest winners from the 2012-15 Bull Market exhibited strong breakout volume and a 20% Price Gain in less than three weeks, a characteristic of Model Book Stocks



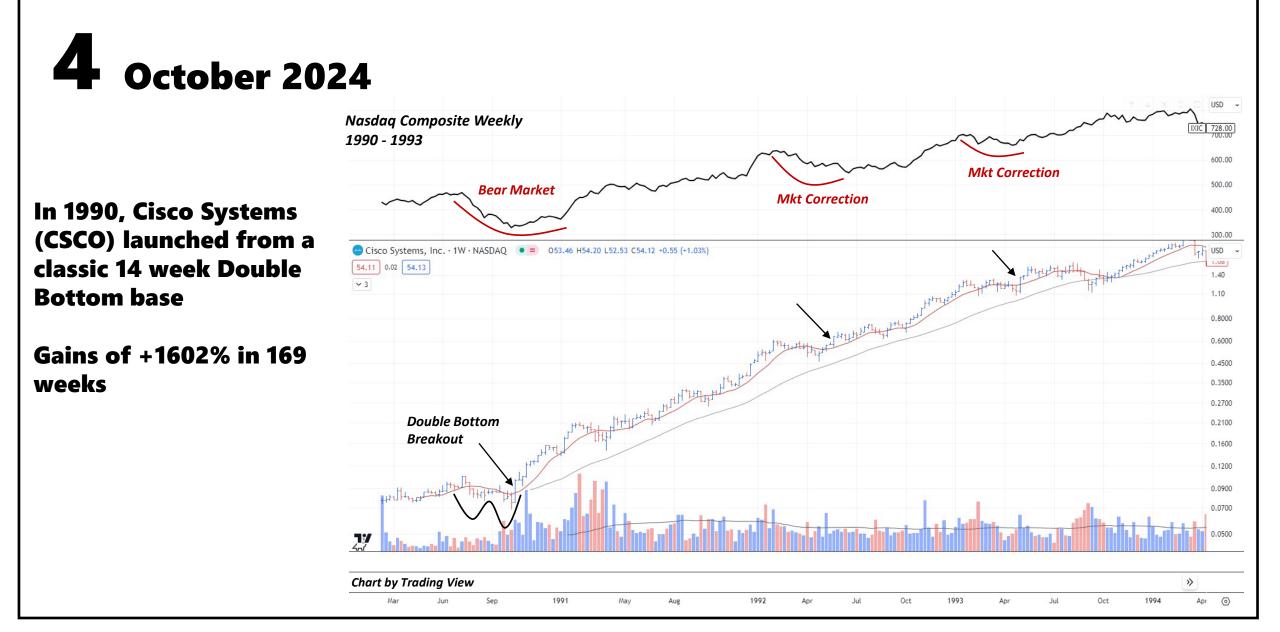
2 October 2024

"The accumulation of a stock on a large scale may be compared with the loading of a gun with gun powder. Absorption of the stock not only gathers it into one large holding but at the same time reduces the floating supply around the level where the accumulation takes place. The marking up period may be likened to the firing of the charge."

Richard D. Wychoff, Author, *Stock Market Technique Magazine*



This date in 2008, George W. Bush signed the \$700B Troubled Asset Relief program (TARP) bailout into law to keep the financial system liquid. \$441B was actually deployed.





"If you personalize losses, you can't trade."

Bruce Kovner, Hedge Fund Manager b. 1946



"I keep out in a bear market and leave such exceptional stocks to those who don't mind risking their money against the market trend."

Nicholas Darvas, Author, You Can Still Make It In the Market (1977)



Median Gains by Base Type (2012 -'15 Rally)

2015 – '15 Study of the Biggest Winners

Base Type and Gains to the Peak of the move

175%	288%	290 %	251%	347%
Flat Base (7)	Cup w Handle (18)	Consolidation (11)	Cup (6)	Dbl Bott, HTF, IPO (3)

©Copyright John S. Pocorobba, Aaron Blank and Mike Kinkead. All Rights Reserved

"Victory is always possible for the person who refuses to stop fighting."

Napolean Hill, Author, How to Think and Grow Rich (1937)

"We succeed in proportion to the amount of energy and enterprise we use in going after the results."

Richard D. Wychoff, 1873 - 1934



Indigenous Day

"Beginners focus on analysis, but professionals operate in a three dimensional space. They are always aware of trading psychology, their own feelings, and the mass psychology of the markets."

Alexander Elder, Author, *Come into my Trading Room (2002)*

"Never risk more than 1% of total account equity on any one trade. By risking 1%, I am indifferent to any individual trade. Keeping your risk small and constant is absolutely critical."

Larry Hite, Author, *The Rule*, 2020



Indigenous Day

Top 10 Biggest Performing Stocks of the Decade 2010 – 2019

Studying the biggest winners and their characteristics can improve your investment results

2010 – 2019 Gains

Netflix (NFLX)	+3698%
MarketAxcess (MKTX)	+2611%
Abiomed (ABMD)	+ 1949%
Broadcom (AVGO)	+1648%
United Rentals (URI)	+1500%
Regeneron (RGEN)	+1445%
Align Tech. (ALGN)	+1444%
Ulta Beauty (ULTA)	+1286%
Old Dominion (ODFL)	+1261%
Amazon (AMZN)	+1200%

"Human behavior derives from three main sources: desire, emotion and education."

Plato, 427 – 437 BC, Greek Philosopher

"I feel all relevant factors, important and otherwise, are registered in the market's behavior. The market is better at predicting the news than the news is at predicting the market."

Gerald M. Loeb, 1899 - 1974

This date in 1929:

"Stocks prices have reached what looks like a permanent plateau. I do not feel there will be soon, if ever, a 50 or 60 point break from present levels, such as (bears) have predicted. I expect to see the stock market a good deal higher within a few months."

Irving Fisher, American Economist, 1867 – 1947

Days later the market would crash......

"We are in the "*interpretation*" business, NOT the prediction business"

William J. O'Neil, Founder, William J. O'Neil + Company

Vertical Violation is a sharp decline thru the 50d

- Big Down day 3% or more
- Usually 4-10 days down

- Min of 2-3% decline thru 50d MA

- Take months to recover with some failed FTDs



Date	50d MA (at the slice)	High (first dn day)	Initial Low	% Decline (first down day's high to initial low)	# Days	% Decline to Bottom	Days to Close abv. 50d	Days til Mkt Closed at New Highs	
October 1978	134.33	135.52	111.08	-18%	11	-18.2%	39	205	
October 1979	148	152.47	132.49	-13.1%	12	-18.8%	23	70	
March 1980	157.11	165.39	123.81	-25%	30	25%	26	105	
December 1980	197.95	205.83	188.75	-8.3%	5	-8.3%	6	88	
* October 1987	445.21	453.88	288.49	-36.4%	17	-36.4%	77	612	
* July 1990	458.04	470.02	399.42	-15%	15	-31%	57	168	
March 1994	790.85	797.8	721.47	-9.6%	7	-13.4%	44	258	
June 1996	1197.24	1240.7	1147.58	-7.5%	6	-19.6%	39	71	
October 1997	1663.49	1717.3	1465.84	-15%	5	-16%	28	98	
* March 2000	4534.77	5022.23	3649.11	-27.3%	7	-78%	42	3954	
* November 2007	2716.73	2810.19	2583	-8%	4	-55%	29	911	
January 2008	7070.09	7441.09	6630.67	-10.9%	7	-25%	3	871	
May 2010	2407.11	2465.55	2185.75	-11.3%	3	-16.4%	79	184	
August 2011	2753.01	2824.12	2331.65	-17.4%	10	-18.6%	52	192	
August 2015	5077.95	5085.15	4292.15	-15.6%	5	-15.6%	56	361	
January 2016	5052.45	5102.35	4313.39	-15.5%	13	-17.5%	62	226	
February 2018	7070.09	7441.09	6630.67	-10.9%	7	-10.9%	16	39	
October 2018	7920.74	7997.17	7274.04	-9%	6	-24%	68	163	
May 2019	7836.68	8135.54	7627.22	-6.2%	6	-10.4%	3	51	
August 2019	7971.77	8325.28	7662.9	-8%	6	-8%	3	70	
* February 2020	9240.17	9820.86	8264.16	-15.9%	7	-32.5%	36	111	
* January 2022	15610.5	15852.14	14530.23	-8%	5	-37.8%	52		
erage				-14%	8.8	-22.1%	38.18	419.4	
Najor Bear Market					Date	ta: © 2023 Copyright Rain King LLC			

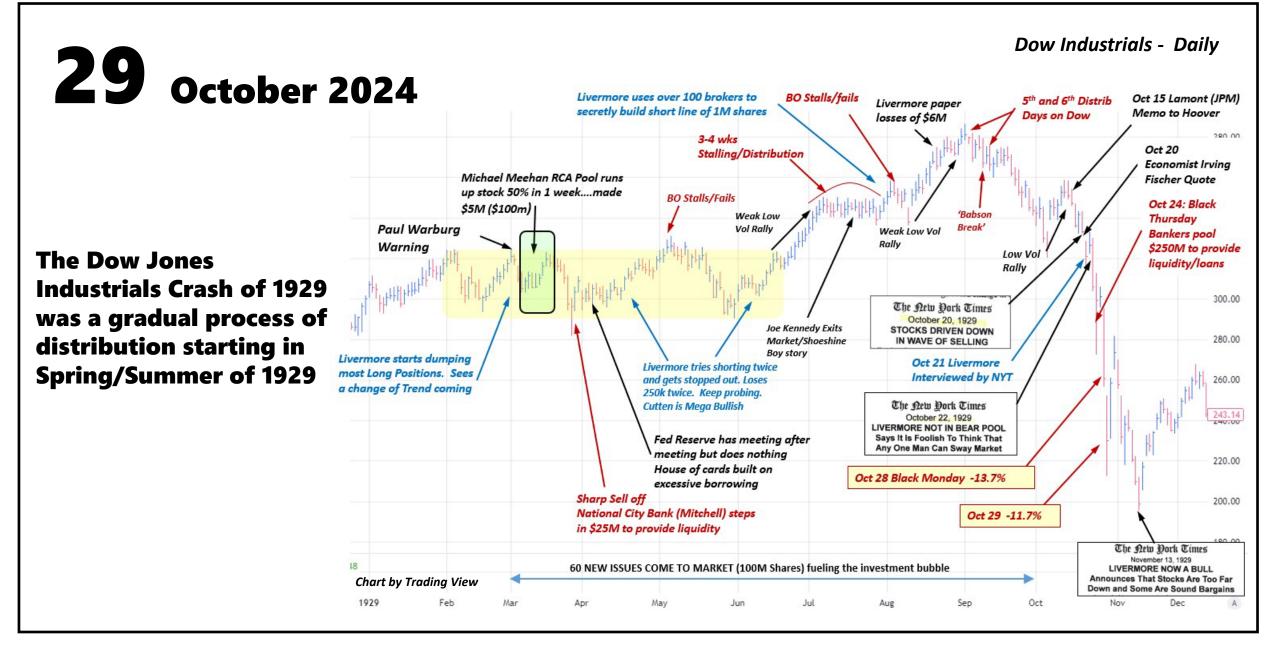
The most prominent banker, JP Morgan, assembles \$25M (\$670M in today's dollars) for certain NY Banks and Trust companies in order for them to remain solvent during the Panic Crisis of 1907.

"If you can't take a small loss, sooner or later you will take the mother of all losses."

Ed Sekota, Commodities Trader, b. 1946

"When you really believe that trading is a probability game, concepts like 'right or wrong' and 'win or lose' no longer have the same significance."

Mark Douglas, Author, *Trading in the Zone (2000)*



"This company looks cheap, that company looks cheap but the overall economy could completely screw it up. The key is to wait. Sometimes the hardest thing to do is to do nothing."

David Tepper, Hedge Fund Manager, b. 1957

2007, this Halloween date brought scary times for Crocs (CROX) investors as the company after hours announced an Earnings miss.

The Stock gapped down next day and finished down -36% ending a 12 month run.



© 2024 Copyright, Rain King LLC. All Rights Reserved

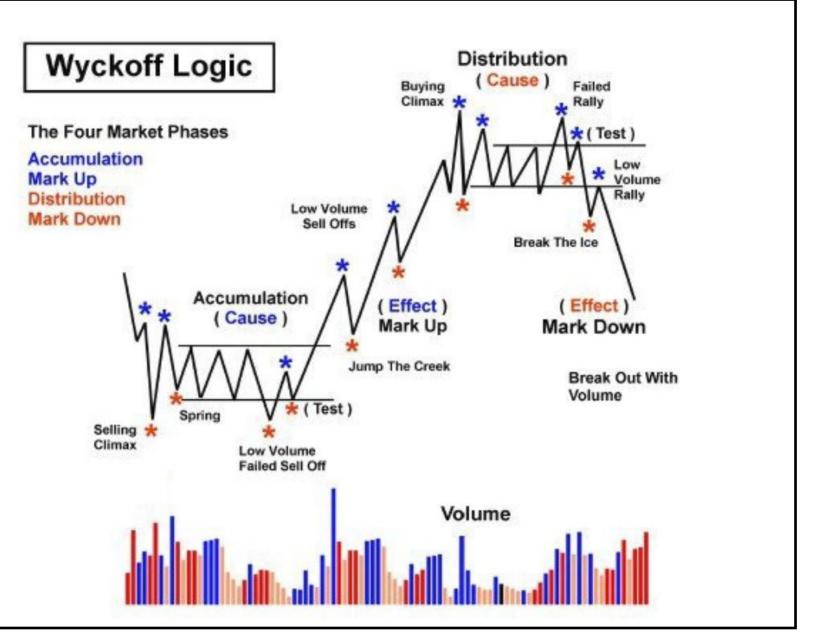
In 1994, Quaker Oats completes \$1.7B buyout of Snapple Beverage in a move to discourage a takeover by Pepsico. Considered one of the worst buyout deals ever as in 3 years, it sold Snapple to Triarc for \$300M, a loss of 82%.



Legendary Trader Bernard Baruch exited some positions in Spring/Summer 1929 but even he was not immune to the 1929 Crash. A 1931 audit revealed that in early 1929 his assets were approximately \$25M but by 1931 his assets were lower by almost 30% to \$16M.

Richard D. Wychoff in the early 1900s developed the Four Market Phases.

Same cycle analysis applies 100 years later.





When nothing seems to help, I go look at the stonecutter hammering away at his rock, perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the hundred and first blow, it will split in two, and I know it was not that blow that did it, but all that had gone before.

Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishments.

Unknown



"Anyone who buys stocks on the way down in price because they look cheap will learn the hard way this is how you can lose a lot of money."

William J. O'Neil, Author, How to Make Money in Stocks (1988)



"You have a certain set of facts and you are looking for situations where you have an edge, whether that edge is psychological or statistical."

David Einhorn, Hedge Fund Manager, b. 1968

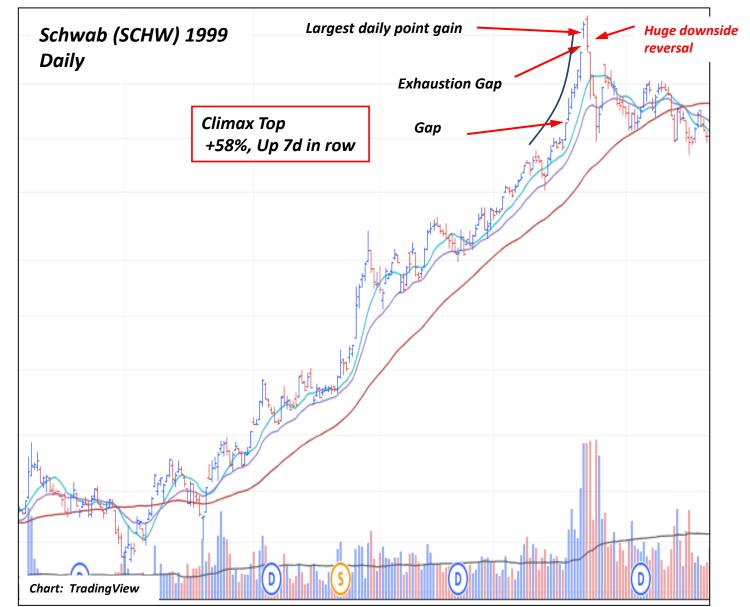


Veteran's Day

This date in 1993, Joe Granville market forecast predicted a 20% drop in the Dow Jones Industrials (3662.43 at the time). Forecast was totally wrong as the Dow marched higher by 3.4% by March 1994.

Climax Sell Rules

- Often start with Breakaway Gap or sharp move off a consolidation
- Up 20-25% on 1-3 weeks
- Largest daily point gain since initial first base
- One or more Exhaustion Gaps near end of the move
- Up 7 or 8 days in row; 7 out of 8d; 8 of 10days
- Largest weekly price spread since beginning of the move
- Price extended 100% above 200d sma or 50% above the 50d sma
- Excessive stock splits since beginning of the move (3/1 or 4/1)
- When you see this occurring, <u>SELL EVERYTHING</u> as stock usually will collapse very rapidly (Psychologically difficult but you must sell it all)





In 1998, TheGlobe.com IPO soars +606% the first day for a market cap of \$808M for a company that reported an \$11M loss for the nine month period. By 4/23/01, the stock closed at 0.16 cents and was de-listed from the Nasdaq.

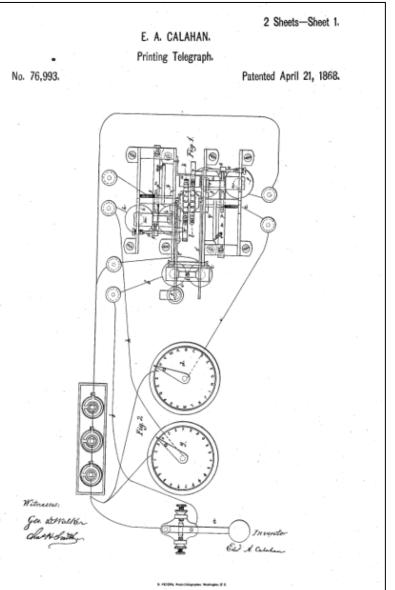


"Since the markets tend to go in the opposite direction of what the majority of people think, I would say 95% of all these people you hear on TV Shows are giving you their personal opinion. And personal opinions are almost worthless....facts and markets are far more reliable."

William J. O'Neil, 1933 - 2023

This date in 1867, a new invention by Edward Calahan is unveiled called the stock ticker. Thomas Edison would improve the device in 1869.







"The real key to making money in stocks is not to get scared out of them."

Peter Lynch, Author, One Up on Wall Street (1990)



"Recognizing when the market has hit a top or has bottomed out is frequently 50% of the whole ballgame. It's also the key investing skill virtually all amateur and professional investors alike seem to lack."

William J. O'Neil, Founder Investors Business Daily, 1933 - 2023

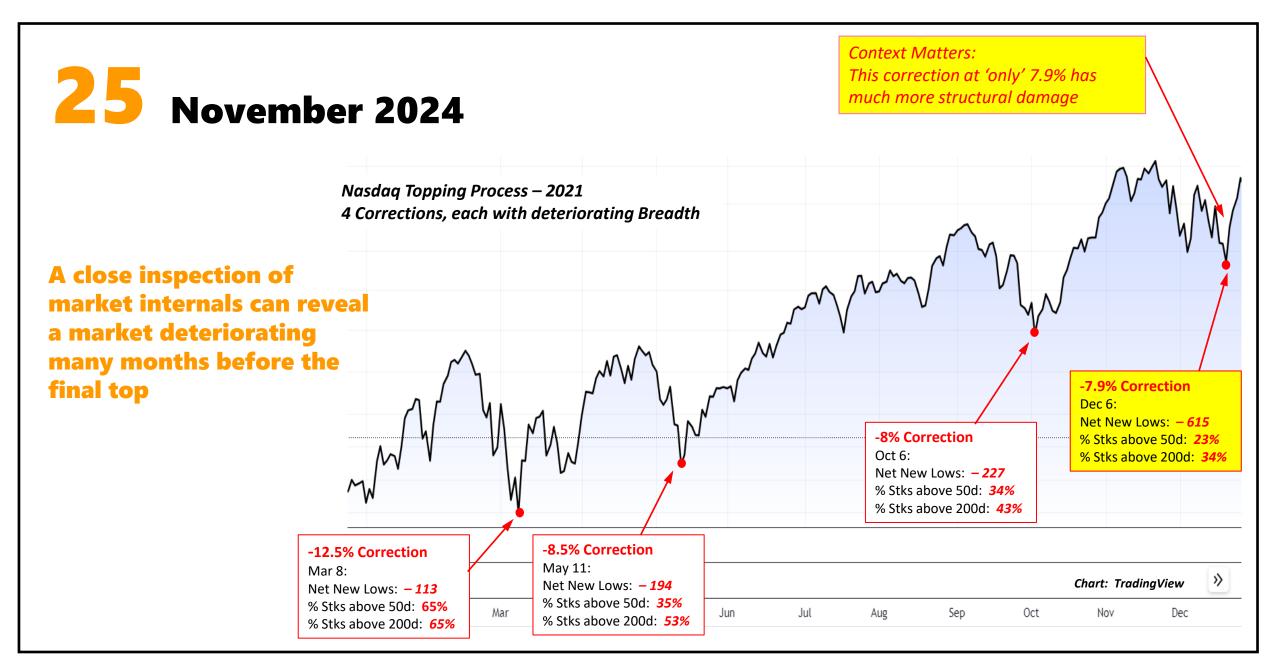
Market Leaders peaking gradually over time as the **Covid Bull Market** tops out by late Fall 2021.

20



This date in 1985, Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, releases Windows 1.0 which was largely a bust until Windows 3.0 is released. Microsoft IPO in March 1986 at \$36/share. Within 19 months the stocks hit a short term peak at \$80/share.

U.S. President John F. Kennedy is assassinated. US Stock Exchange closes down within 30 minutes. The Dow had dropped 2.89% on the news.





This date in 1954, the Dow finally recovers its 1929 peak of 386.10.

"As I look back now its obvious that studying history and philosophy was much better preparation for the stock market than studying statistics.....those who are trained to rigidly quantify everything are at a huge disadvantage."

Peter Lynch, Manager Fidelity Magellan Fund 1977 - 1990

27 November 2024

"Everything must wait its turn....peach blossoms for the second month and chrysanthemums for the ninth"

Japanese Proverb



Thanksgiving

This date in 1940, Jesse Livermore commits suicide in the cloakroom at the Sherry-Netherland Hotel in Manhattan at age 63. The 'Boy Plunger' was known to use high leverage and was regarded as one the best market speculators of all time.



"Doing well with money has a little to do with how smart you are and a lot to do with how you behave."

Morgan Housel, Author, *The Psychology of Money (2020)*

December 2024

© 2024 Copyright, Rain King LLC. All Rights Reserved



"Never sell a stock because it seems too high-priced."

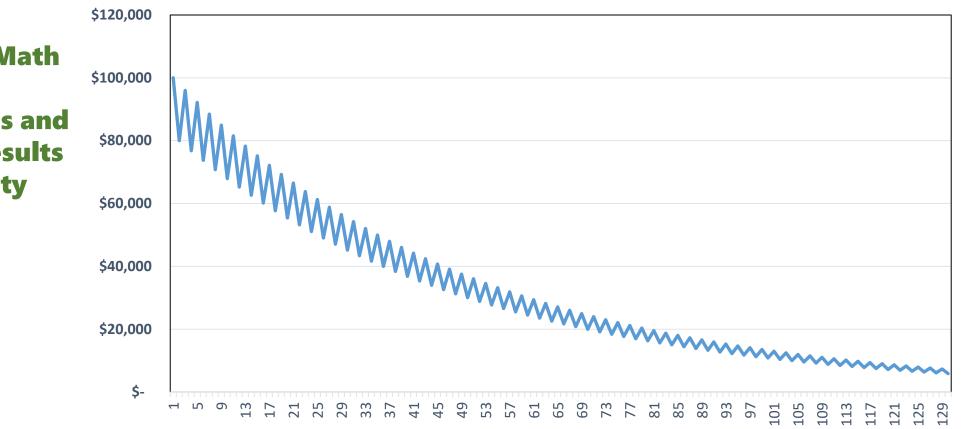
Jesse Livermore, Wall Street Speculator, b. 1877 - 1940



"Relative Strength is like the divining rod that brings you to the pool of water with all the money in it."

Jim Roppel, Hedge Fund Manager, b. 1965

4 December 2024



Math behind 20% Roundtrips

Counterintuitive Math

Taking 20% Losses and then 20% gains results in a negative equity curve



In 1996, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan first warning of "irrational exuberance" in stock markets. Days later the Nasdaq was up another +2.2%.

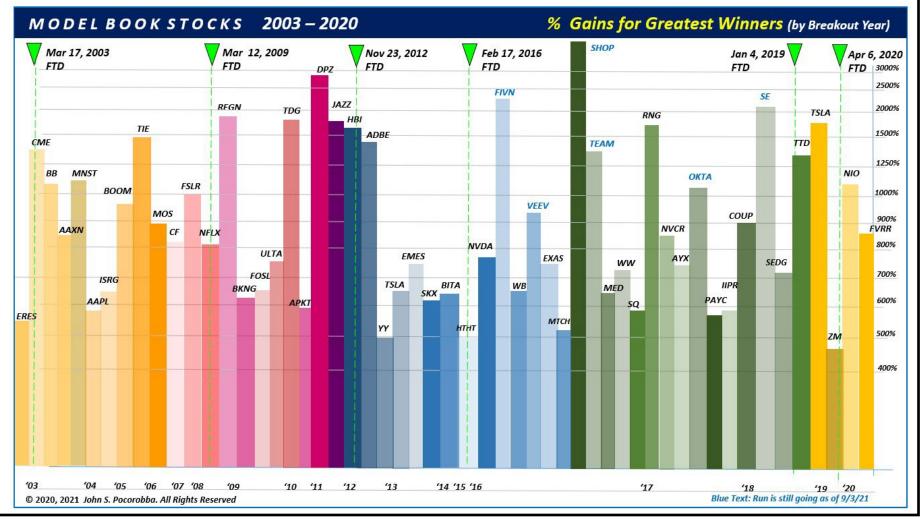
6 December 2024

"The market always tells you what to do. It tells you: Get in. Get out. Move your stop. Close out. Stay neutral. Wait for a better chance. All these things the market is continually impressing upon you, and you must get into the frame of mind where you are in reality taking your orders from the action of the market itself – from the tape."

Richard D. Wychoff, 1873 - 1934



Every new Bull Market provide opportunities to profit from big winning stocks





"The public is often right during the trends, but wrong at both ends."

Humphrey B. Neill, Author, *Tape Reading and Market Tactics (1931*)



"Traders take a good system and destroy it by trying to make it into a perfect system."

Robert Prechter, Forecaster using Elliot Wave Principles, b. 1949



This date in 1962, Warren Buffett buys first shares in Berkshire Hathaway, 2000 shares @ \$7.50.

Today: Over \$500,000/share





"It's a buy when the 10-week moving average crosses the 30-week moving average and slope of both averages is up."

Victor Sperandeo, Trader Vic: Methods of a Wall Street Master (1988), b. 1945



1998, Oppenheimer Analyst Henry Blodget raises his price target for Amazon (AMZN) from \$150 to \$400. Before the upgrade, it was trading at \$243, (+269% in prior 6 months). Shares rose +19% on the upgrade and hit \$400 in three weeks.



Be Flexible with your Expectations and Rigid with your Rules

Unknown



"The chief losses to investors comes from the purchase of low quality securities at times of favorable business conditions."

Benjamin Graham, Author, *The Intelligent Investor (1949)*



"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

Benjamin Franklin, 1705 - 1790



"Don't try to buy at the bottom and sell at the top. It can't be done except by liars."

Bernard Baruch, 1870 – 1965, Financier

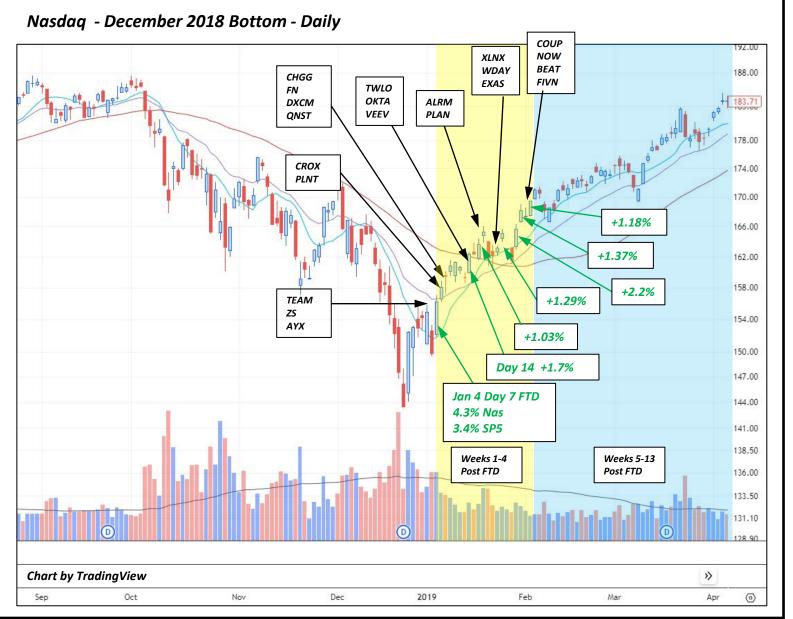


"Your big opportunity may be right where you are now."

Napolean Hill, Author 1883 - 1970



This date in 2018 the Nasdaq plunges 2.2% creating a washout of selling. Only 7 trading days later, a Follow Through Day marked the beginning of a new Bull Rally with leading stocks breaking out.





Christmas Day

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with great talent....Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

Calvin Coolidge, 30th President of the United States



"To see what is right, and not to do it, is want of courage or of principle."

Confucius, Philosopher 551 BC – 479 BC



"As soon as you think you've got the key to the market, they change the lock."

Joe Granville, 1923 – 2013, Financial Writer



"Know the enemy and know yourself"

Sun Tzu, Philosopher, 544 BC – 496 BC



New Years Eve

"A lot of people with high IQ's are terrible investors because they've got terrible temperament."

Charlie Munger, Vice Chairman of Berkshire Hathaway, b.1924